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# THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS



*"The Son of God willingly destroyed Himself on the Cross"*

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# The Doctrine of Demons

## BACKGROUND

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2009, at 3<sup>am</sup>, the Lord awakened me with a personal message from Revelations 2 and 3.

*“I know everything about you, Anton (my old pagan name at that stage). I know that you hate the Nicolaitans, which I also hate {that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. - Revelation 2:6}. But you left your First Love and I want you to repent and return to Me {But I have against you that you left your first love. - Revelation 2:4}*

God’s invitation for me to return to Him, left me shocked and confused. I believed that I had already been serving the Lord wholeheartedly for many years. For three months afterwards I cried before the Lord, as He guided me through these two Chapters of Revelation.

**God** gave me information about my own upcoming persecution. The devil would try to put me in prison for a short while to test my faith.

*{ Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil will cast some of you into prison, so that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life.. - Revelation 2:10}.*

*In September 2011 God elaborated on this issue, when He spoke to me from Luke 21:12-15 MSG. “But before any of this happens, they’ll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone at your throat because you*



*carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters".*

*"Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near" (Luke 21:28 AMPC).*

**God then** *focused my attention once again on the message to the seven churches, when He said: "I know everything about you, Anton. I know you hate the Nicolaitans which I also hate. But this is what I have against you: **you tolerate that woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a messenger of God. By her teaching she misleads my servants into practicing sexual immorality and eating food that has been offered to idols".*

Since that day in 2009, it took me more than seven years to thoroughly understand what God had said to me. I realized that God was serious when He said that Satan would drag me to court and to jail. I also realized that God was taking me through serious training and exposure to the Jezebel spirit, because at that stage I was not even aware of such a spirit. Very soon I started to experience the severe influence of the Jezebelic stronghold in my life.



Under the influence of the Holy Spirit I wrote a book called “The Counterfeit for God’s Forerunners”, about the Jezebel Spirit. It is available on the website for free. For the Bride of Christ, this is a must read as the Lord showed me that Jezebel is the end-time principality we are currently facing and dealing with, as this stronghold is present in each and every household.

God’s message to me was clear:

**“Warn my warrior bride, the Shulamite Bride, and the forerunners, that just as she (My Bride) is preparing the way for ME, the Messiah, to come, Satan also has his forerunners who are preparing the way for the coming of the son of perdition!”**

Could this perhaps be the collision of two forces – the force of LIGHT and the force of DARKNESS, before the terrible day of the Lord? I am not sure, but I do know that this message is for the warrior Bride and army of Christ, the Anointed One, because she is currently unawares, not in battle formation and unarranged!

God gave me a final word of instruction on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, which convinced me to not only take His message seriously, but to also act on it.

***His words to me were: “Instruct those who are not in the place of battle.”***

*Be skilled at gently encouraging those who feel themselves inadequate. Be faithful to stand your ground. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 TPT*



*{The Greek “ataktos” is often used for “troops” that are not in battle formation and unarranged}*

So, then, dear family, (*my mishpocha: an entire family network comprising of relatives by blood and marriage, and sometimes including close friends*) stand firm with a masterful grip on this teaching I am about to give you, whether it is by word of mouth [face-to-face or by my audible recording on our website: [www.berashithministry.co.za](http://www.berashithministry.co.za)] or by reading this booklet (2 Thessalonians 2:15 TPT).

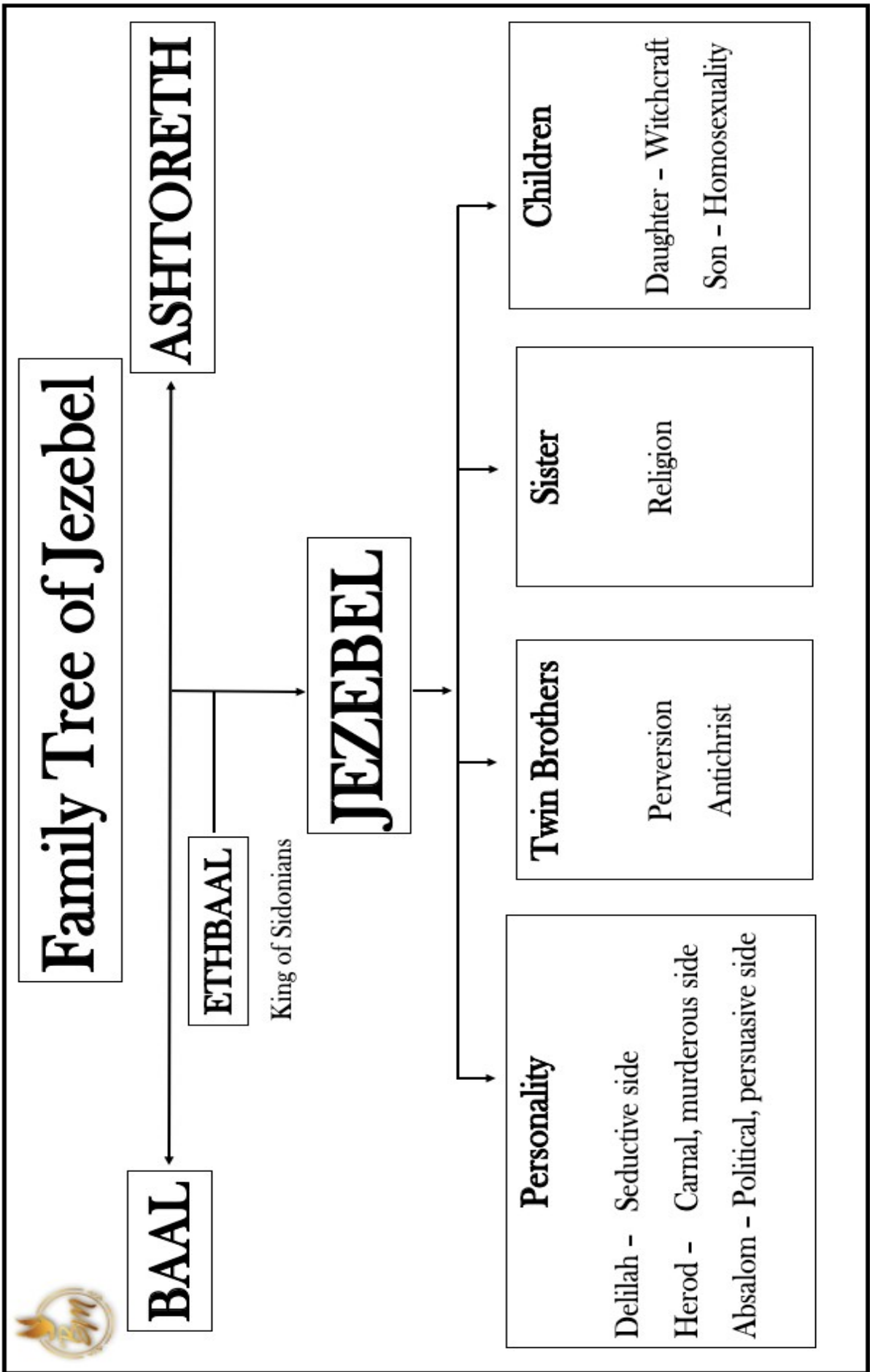
## BAAL AND ASHTORETH

It may be worthwhile to give a short background on the functions and family tree of Jezebel, to indicate her strong influence, but a complete discussion falls outside the scope of this Book. In my Book “***The Counterfeit for God’s Forerunners***” the writer indicates that Jezebel came from the Baal and Ashtoreth lineage. It was Jezebel who led Israel into Baal worship, which entails, *inter alia*, the following:

- Worship of Baal in partnership with worship of Ashtoreth.
- False prophet-priests raised up to worship these two.
- The sign of Baal is the bull and indicates bull worship (*including crescent horns*).
- Baal demands “***human sacrifice***”.
- Baal is the false “***consuming fire***.”







## DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

Unexpectedly, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2021, a Word of God came to me through one of our mishpocha friends.

“My **servant**, I will make you **My signet ring**; for I have **chosen** you (Haggai 2:23) to **lay the foundation of this house**; your hands shall also complete it” (Zechariah 4).

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." (Zechariah 4:9–14)

### **The message was clear!**

God instructed us to lay down the foundation to restore His temple. But we will not accomplish this by might, nor by power, but through His Holy Spirit, said the Lord.

Therefore, the emphasis is on the two olive branches, which provide the oil (*the Holy Spirit*) through two golden pipes. It would be a constant flow of oil (*Holy Spirit*) that will level any great mountain that will stand in the way of accomplishing this assignment, says the Lord.



After this message had been confirmed by three witnesses, I started to write “Laying Down the Foundation”, consisting of three Parts (*Please download this profound Biblical truths to ensure that you grow into spiritual maturity to be ready for any assignment the Lord has in store for you!*).

## **A PERSONAL FOUNDATION**

There is a personal foundation and a doctrinal foundation that the reader must take note off. The personal foundation of Yahshua HaMashiach is to see Him throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

**To lay down a firm personal foundation, we need to first know  
who He is!**

**Yahshua asked his disciples: “*But whom say ye that I am?*”  
(Matthew 16:15).**

Peter, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, confessed that He was truly the Son of God. Yahshua replied to him, “You are blessed, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal it to you, but My Father in Heaven” (Matthew 16:17 MKJV).

To know the Messiah and to have an intimate relationship with Him, we need to study, read and “eat” the Word of God. There are various ways to discover who He is, but here is a list of five distinct ways He offers us to learn more of Him:



- “Search for **My Names** in the scriptures.” God revealed many facets of Himself, when He said:  
“I am who I am and What I am, and I will be what I will be. This is My Name forever (Exodus 3:14, 15).”
- “Study the Word of God and **look for My Son, the Messiah**, in all the scriptures, both in the Old- and in the New Testament.”
- “You will find me in **My Feasts**.”  
“The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts”. (Leviticus 23:2)
- ”You will find me in **My Tabernacle**.”  
“The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts”. (Leviticus 23:2)
- “Look at **My Attributes** and you will know Me better.”

**Today I ask the reader the same question:  
“Who do you say Yahshua is?”**

Like Peter, in Matthew 16:16, we also have to:

- Experience a **confrontation** about who Jesus really is.
- Receive a **revelation** of who He is, through the Holy Spirit.
- Respond to this revelation from the Holy Spirit with an **acknowledgement** of who Jesus is.
- Make this revelation a public **confession**.



## OUR PERSONAL FOUNDATION: CHRIST JESUS

Paul further gives us instructions on laying down the foundation in His epistle to the Corinthians:

For we are God's co-workers. You are God's farmland and God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder (architect), **I have laid the foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

**<sup>11</sup> For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 3:9-11 TPT

Paul gives us additional information in his epistle to the Ephesians:

### **Christ Our Cornerstone**

<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.** Ephesians 2:19-20 TPT

There can be no other way to lay down the foundation. The foundation of any believer's building is Christ Jesus, the Anointed One, Yahshua HaMashiach. If you do have a desire to transform your building into the Holy of Holies, then you need the CORNERSTONE. Christ Himself said: *"Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see'"* (Matthew 21:42 NLT).



Read again Ephesians 2:20: *“Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone”*.

The erection of a building starts in a corner – that cornerstone is Christ  
Jesus.

## DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION

In the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 6, we find the *“Doctrinal Foundation”*, which is the Doctrine of Christ. For many years I have searched for this doctrine, without any success. What a privilege it was to eventually receive from the Holy Spirit, these deep foundational truths to restore His temple!

*“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works, and of **faith** toward God, <sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of eternal **judgment**. <sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God **permit** (Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV).*

Here we find seven very important principles of the doctrine of Christ to enable the believer to lay down the foundation, namely:

- Repentance of dead works.
- Faith toward God.
- Doctrine of Baptisms.
- Laying on of hands.
- Resurrection of the dead.
- Eternal Judgment.
- And last, but not the least – “If God Permit!”



Any foundation must first be inspected and approved, before the structure of the building can be erected. If the Building Inspector is satisfied, He approves of it using a stamp of authority. Similarly, Adonai first needs to **permit** (to approve) the restoration of the foundation by using this signet ring as His stamp of approval! Paul gave Timothy the reason why we need a solid foundation:

***Then you will be God's servant - fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment. 2 Timothy 3:17 TPT***

We have confidence that this “**temple**” will stand and last when the storm comes, because of Jesus’ promise that: *“He who comes to me and hears my words and does it (acts upon them) is like a person building a house, who digs a deep hole to lay the foundation on rock. When the storm comes, it pushes against that house but cannot shake it, because it has been founded on the rock (Luke 6:47-48).*

The opposite is therefore also true. He who does not **HEAR** and does not **DO** and does not **DIG DEEP**, when the storm comes, his house will surely collapse.

## DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

If there is a Doctrine of Christ, then there must surely also be a Doctrine of Demons! A doctrine of demons is a set of beliefs or a teaching, which demons try to propagate throughout the church, for the purpose of deceiving the believers. Since demons are not visible (*and if they were, we would hardly*



*invite them to speak in churches!*), they must take a deceptive route to get their false message heard. They are just like their leader, Satan, the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Isn't this precisely what Paul tries to tell us in 1 Corinthians 6:16 "*What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan?*"

Paul explains this in his epistle to Timothy and indicates that there will be some who will depart from the faith. Notice "**the faith**", not any faith, but THE faith in Christ Jesus.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, ***giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*** <sup>2</sup> Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; <sup>3</sup> Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: <sup>5</sup> For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:1-4TPT

Paul mentioned to Timothy that, at the end of this age, there will be a departure from "**the faith**", because of seducing spirits and the teaching of the doctrine of demons. *This age is the dispensation of grace, where the Gentiles have the opportunity to make it unto salvation, before the Lord will turn back to the Nations of Israel for their salvation.*

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# DOCTRINE OF PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

In the Gospel of Matthew, Yahshua mentioned the doctrine of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. In contrast with the Pharisees, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection.

Then they understood that he bade them not to keep themselves from the leaven of bread, but from the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Matthew 16:12 JUB

In the Bible leaven has two opposite meanings. It speaks of sin, but also of the believers influence. In Matthew 13:33, Yahshua told His disciples a parable and said that ***"The Kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened"***. In this case it does not speak of sin, but of the believers influence on the whole community to bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth.

Jesus spoke again to them in Mark;

Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. <sup>15</sup> And he commanded them, saying, Take heed, beware of the **leaven of the Pharisees and of the leaven of Herod.** <sup>16</sup> And they argued among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread. <sup>17</sup> And as Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why argue ye because ye have no bread? Do ye not consider nor understand? is your heart yet blind? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye



up? They said unto him, Twelve. <sup>20</sup> And when the seven loaves among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. <sup>21</sup> And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not yet understand? Mark 8:14-21 JUB

In this parable Yahshua instructed them to be careful of the leaven of the **Pharisees** and of **Herod**. He was warning them about influences on the mind, that can rob the believer from the nutrients of revelation and renewal. There are thus three kinds of leaven that we need to take note of, namely:

- Leaven of Herod
- Leaven of the Pharisees
- Leaven of the Kingdom

Leaven is a picture of influence on our minds. In the natural realm, leaven is the substance that causes dough to rise. If your mind is permeated by Kingdom leaven, as Jesus talked about in Matthew 13, then the Kingdom reality of faith will come to the surface. But if the leaven of Herod or the leaven of the Pharisees are working in a believers heart, it disrupts revelation and Kingdom work.

## HEROD'S LEAVEN

The leaven of Herod is an atheistic influence based on the **strength of man and man-based systems**, like politics, popular will, and persuasion. Herod's leaven excludes God entirely. Its statement of faith is a cynical: "God helps those who help themselves."



If you should find yourself in the boat, without bread, the person under the influence of Herod's leaven, would probably advise the following:

"Next time write a list and remember to bring bread", meaning that you should take responsibility for yourself and be a self-created person.

Today many Christians are practical atheists, who disbelieve in an active God, although they would never directly declare so. Like Herod, they say there is no divine intervention in practical living. This even leads to believing that whatever we accomplish by our own strength has been directed or honored by God. Many of our good and spectacular efforts are born of our own desire to accomplish something great, whether or not God was involved in these efforts.

## THE PHARISEE'S LEAVEN

This leaven represents the *religious system*. It embraces God in theory, but not in practice or in experience. The Pharisees have God, but without power. If you find yourself without bread in the boat with a Pharisee, he would say:

***"God, in His sovereignty, has arranged for you to be in this boat without any bread so that you could better identify with those who also have no bread in this hour."***

Pharisees provide explanations, not solutions. They say the bakery closed when the last apostle died. They refuse to let God be powerfully active right here on earth. It is like playing Russian roulette with God - maybe you'll get



an answer, maybe not! These religious people believe that God does not heal anymore. They find explanations for physical illnesses and do not bring the power of God into the picture. They are powerless to provide a solution and vilify anyone who tries. They believe that there are no longer any Apostles or Prophets in the Body of Christ. They know Jesus only in a very limited way, as the people of Nazareth only knew Him as the carpenter's son.

***Even the disciples had this perspective, as they asked Jesus:***

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?" John 9:2.

Jesus replied: "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him" (John 9:3). People just don't realize that when God redeems a situation, He does it so thoroughly that it seems like ***He created the problem as an opportunity*** for His power and glory to be seen. When Jesus is at hand, a ***problem takes on a purpose. Without His redemptive touch, the problem is just another work of the devil.***

Jesus was so focused on solutions that He didn't even entertain the Pharisaical debate. The core characteristic of the influences of Herod and the Pharisees is that both are based on the FEAR OF MAN. Both are primarily motivated by what people think! On the other hand, when we are influenced by Kingdom leaven, we don't fear what people think of us. Instead, we live out of fear for God:



*The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will  
show them His covenant Psalm 25:14*

*The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord  
shall be safe Proverbs 29:25*



## LEAVEN OF THE KINGDOM

THE LEAVEN OF HEROD AND OF THE PHARISEES WORK AGAINST THE  
RENEWAL OF OUR MINDS!

"Thus, you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition" (Matthew 15:6). Faith comes from **hearing - NOT FROM HAVING HEARD (Romans 10:17)**. Interesting to notice that Yahshua had not previously spoken these words to His disciples: "Do you not yet perceive nor understand - Is your heart still hardened? (Mark 8:17). This is because they had no reference point. They had no experience of what God could do. When God does a miracle for you, He is teaching you to see into the invisible realm!

When you experience a miracle, and later revert back to the same doubt, complaining, moaning, and groaning, it's because you have not allowed the testimony of the Lord to have its full effect on the way you think. Sometimes fear masquerades as wisdom, e.g. calling a doctor instead of believing for a miracle.

Sometimes our problems just accelerate. The fire of our circumstances expands, depending on what leaven influences my mind. Malachi 3:2 says: "For He is like a refiner's fire" and Malachi 4:1 says: "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven." He is talking about a **series of events that will draw the results of certain influences** to the surface, where we can plainly see them, whether we like them or not. When we find ourselves in a state of anxiety, it is most probably because the leaven of Herod or of the



Pharisees has worked its way into our souls. The **pressure caused the leaven to rise**. Kingdom thinking knows that anything is possible at any time. Our minds should be full of Kingdom leaven, Kingdom influence!

### ***Where did your storm come from?***

You may experience storms that the **devil** sent, but which is actually a miracle waiting to happen.

"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith. And they feared exceedingly, and say to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him" Mark 4:35-41

There are also other kinds of storms. These are **storms of God**, showing us that we are going in the wrong direction! "But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. So the captain came to him and said to him "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish" (Jonah 1: 4-6).

The disciples' **storm was sent by the devil** to keep them from the will of God. Jonah's storm was sent by God to turn him back to the will of God. Sometimes we face a storm because we turned left when God said right. At other times we may face storms, because we are in the centre of God's will. While we are in the storm, He wants to train us to use the tools He has given us to calm the storm!



We all want to get out of the storm as soon as possible, but sometimes it is not the purpose of the storm. God will never allow a storm without first providing the tools to calm the storm. Instead, it is the enemy who tries to fan the wind of fear to make us panic and forget that we already have the necessary tools. We all sometimes pray like the disciples: "Don't You care that we are perishing?" To us Jesus has the same reply: "**How come you don't have any faith?**" Most often we try to convince God to fix our problems, when we should be commanding the storms to be calm!

***We should see situations from heaven's perspective. We should powerfully declare the word of the Lord and watch heaven invade earth.*** Intercessors often moan, groan and weep in God's presence, instead of coming into a place of faith. Most time spend in prayer is in burdened depression and discouragement.

***WE NEED TO DISTINGUISH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BURDEN OF THE LORD AND THE WEIGHT OF THEIR OWN UNBELIEF!***

When Jesus is asleep in the boat, He is not waiting for you to wake Him up with your wailing prayers. He is waiting for you to use the tools He has already given you to bring about heavenly results! He wants you to walk in your divine purpose.. Some say that God is always "ON TIME"! He is never to early nor too late. But is that not perhaps because we do not use the tools?





When you are facing a spiritual battle, you have been trained for that moment. You have experienced things in your past that have prepared you for the correct response to the present storm. You should already know what the right thing to do is!

**We need to learn from Jesus! He cried out to the Father even in times when nothing was going wrong!**

He showed us how to store up power and create an inner atmosphere of peace and faith that we can take with us into troubling situations. We have been trained by past miracles to see present solutions. Let's allow the leaven of the Kingdom to fill our minds and replace the leaven of Herod and of the Pharisees!



# DOCTRINE OF DEMONS AND SEDUCING SPIRITS

With this background and with the information regarding the stronghold, Jezebel, coming from the Baal and Ashtoreth lineage, as well as the information regarding the Doctrine of Christ, the Holy Spirit led me to the Doctrine of Demons. Many will depart from the faith towards Adonai because of the doctrine of demons being taught in the church!

## How do we know this?

When the Lord told me in 2009 that He also hates the Nicolaitans, I did not even know who the Nicolaitans were. I discovered that they were a group, standing between the people and Christ, like the papacy. The Lord said He hated their deeds. As time passed by, the Holy Spirit revealed much deeper truths regarding these Nicolaitans, which we shall discuss later on.

To the Church of Ephesus, the Lord mentioned the **deeds** of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:6), but to the Church of Smyrna the Lord revealed that there were people being under the ***influence of the synagogue of satan*** (Revelation 2:9). Then the Lord made a comment to the Church of Pergamum, namely that the seat of satan dwells there (Revelation 2:13). The Lord continued that there were people who held the ***doctrine of Balaam***, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel. He deceived them to eat things sacrificed unto idols and to commit fornication. The Lord also referred to the ***doctrine*** of the Nicolaitans, which



He hates (Revelation 2:14-15). The Church of Thyatira suffered that woman **Jezebel**, which called herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce His servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed unto idols (Revelation 2:20). Satan infiltrated the church of Christ with false doctrines and seducing spirits, to mislead the believers into accepting the lie.

How sad it is to realize that God had to call me back to my First Love, after I had served the Lord (according to my knowledge and understanding) for almost 30 years. Yet the Lord was not pleased with my life. Thinking back, even while sitting in the church, I too was under the influence of seducing spirits, trying to draw me away from THE TRUTH! Saints, the Lord's mercy and grace are available in abundance for those who are willing to **repent**, turn around and renew their minds.

Today I am so thankful that the Lord constantly draws me unto the truth. Through His mercy and grace I could acknowledge the deception and escape this subtle seduction. May the Lord's mercy and grace fall today also on you, so that you too may discover THE TRUTH! If you are willing to repent, to turn around and renew you mind, you too will come out of the snare of the devil!

I have realised that, although I had made a commitment in 2000 to serve the Lord fulltime in the ministry, He couldn't use me while I was still contaminated by pagan rituals and false doctrines. Therefore, "**Come out from them and**



***be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.***” 2 Corinthians 6:17 NIV

We are His Temple, where God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit dwell.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost  
*which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> **And what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? <sup>16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:14-16 KJV). We cannot accommodate darkness, unrighteousness or any doctrine of demons in our lives and still think that the Holy Spirit can and will abide in us. The Passion Bible translated verses 15 and 16 as follows:

What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan? And also what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> What friendship does God’s temple have with demons? For indeed, we are the temple of the living God, just as God has said: I will make my home in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>17</sup> For this reason, “**Come out from among them and be separate,**” says the Lord. “Touch nothing that is unclean, and I will embrace you. <sup>18</sup> I will be



a true Father to you, and you will be my beloved sons and daughters,” says the Lord Yahweh Almighty” 2 Corinthians 6:15-18 TPT.

Yehôvâh Elohim wants sons and daughters for Himself. We are all born from a corruptible seed and need a born again experience. This time from an incorruptible seed! He adopted us and when the Holy Spirit abides in us, we cry out: ABBA FATHER, that is Daddy! (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6). To enable us to grow into full maturity we need a strong, deep foundation. This can only be done when we preach Christ and bring every person into full understanding of the truth.

<sup>28-29</sup> Christ is our message! We preach to awaken hearts and bring every person into the full understanding of truth. It has become my inspiration and passion in ministry to labor with a tireless intensity, with his power flowing through me, to present to every believer the revelation of being his perfect one in Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:28-29 TPT

Only then can the entire building be erected and continually grow until it rises up unto completion. What an amazing statement Paul makes in his epistle to the Ephesians, when he indicates that the Holy Spirit is transforming each and every one of us into the Holy of Holies – His dwelling place!

**<sup>21</sup> This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. <sup>22</sup> This means that God is transforming each one of you into *the Holy of Holies*, his**



**dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT**

My dear friend, brother and sister in Christ Jesus, “**be aware**” and “**beware**” of false doctrines and false teachers. It is already present in our churches! Satan has only one mission and that is to destroy you. As he subtly came to Eve and succeeded in taking away her faith in her First Love, so will he also try to deceive you.

**Unlike Eve, don't have any conversation with him, though!**

**The only way to deal with seducing spirits is to quote scriptures: IT IS WRITTEN!**

## **FALSE TEACHERS**

Throughout Scripture the Apostles warned the believers against false prophets and teachers. Even Yahshua warns us:

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:15-16

“The Holy Spirit has explicitly revealed: At the end of this age, many will depart from the true faith one after another, **devoting themselves to spirits of deception and following demon-inspired revelations and theories.**” 1 Timothy 4:1



“But if anyone spreads **false teaching** that does not agree with the healthy instruction of our Lord Jesus, teaching others that holy awe of God is not important, then they prove they know nothing at all! It’s obvious they don’t value or hold dear the healing words of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> They are covered with the clouds of conceit. They are loaded with controversy, and they love to argue their opinions and split hairs. The fruit of their ministry is contention, competition, and evil suspicions. <sup>5</sup> They add misery to many lives by corrupting their minds and **cheating them of the truth**. They equate the worship of God with making great sums of money”.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

“And avoid empty chatter and **worthless words**, for they simply add to the irreverence of those who converse in that manner.” 2 Timothy 2:16

“There are many wayward people, smooth talkers, and deceivers—especially the converts from Judaism. <sup>11</sup> They must be silenced because they are disrupting entire families with their **corrupt teachings**, all for their dishonest greed.” Titus 1:10-11

“Delightfully loved friends, don’t trust every spirit, but carefully examine what they say to determine if they are of God, because **many false prophets** have mingled into the world.” 1 John 1:4

Numerous deceivers have surfaced from among us and gone out into the world, people who will not acknowledge Jesus Christ coming as a man.



**These deceivers are antichrists!** <sup>8</sup> Be on your guard so that you do not lose all that we have diligently worked for but receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who wanders away and does not remain faithful to the teaching of Christ has no relationship with God. But those who remain in the teaching of Christ have a wonderful relationship with both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> So if anyone comes into your fellowship claiming to be a true believer yet doesn't bring this teaching, you are not to consider him as a fellow believer, nor should you welcome him into your homes (2 John 1:7-10).

These people insult anything they don't understand. They behave like irrational beasts by doing whatever they feel like doing {Ps 68:30 - You rebuke the beast-life that hides within us}. Because they live by their animal instincts, they corrupt themselves and bring about their own destruction. <sup>11</sup> How terrible it is for them! For they have followed in the steps of Cain. ***They have abandoned themselves to Balaam's error because of their greedy pursuit of financial gain.*** And since they have rebelled like Korah rebelled, they will experience the same fate of Korah and likewise perish {Ps 106 - Many times you would have come to rescue them BUT they continued in their rebellious ways}. <sup>12</sup> These **false teachers** are like dangerous hidden reefs at your love feasts, lying in wait to shipwreck the immature. They **feast among you** without reverence, having no shepherd but themselves. They are clouds with no rain, swept along by the winds. Like fruitless late-autumn trees—twice dead, barren, and plucked up by the roots! <sup>13</sup> They are wild waves of the sea, flinging out the foam of their shame and disgrace. They are misleading like





wandering stars, for whom the complete darkness of eternal gloom has been reserved. Jude 10-13

“We should not be like Cain, who yielded to the Evil One and brutally murdered his own brother, Abel. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s righteous.” 1 John 3:12

Clearly we see that these false teachers come to the believers as wolves in sheeps clothing. They feast among the believers by cheating God’s servants out of the truth and by seducing them with worthless words. They bring corrupt teachings and these deceivers are antichrists, who is in greedy pursuit of financial gain. Greed and envy always end up in murder, just as the scripture warns us about Cain, who murdered his brother Abel.

“The behavior of the self-life is obvious: Sexual immorality, lustful thoughts, pornography, chasing after things instead of God, manipulating others, hatred of those who get in your way, senseless arguments, resentment when others are favored, temper tantrums, angry quarrels, only thinking of yourself, being in love with your own opinions, being envious of the blessings of others, murder, uncontrolled addictions, wild parties, and all other similar behavior. Haven’t I already warned you that those who use their “freedom” for these things will not inherit the kingdom realm of God!” Galatians 5:19-23 TPT

## **Auto-immune disease**

Saints, we are harbouring an auto-immune disease in our own lives, as well as in the Body of Christ. An autoimmune disease occurs when the white



corpuscles attack living flesh and destroy it. This means the body attacks the body. There is a spiritual dynamic that comes in by which the white corpuscles are invisibly redirected to attack living tissue, while ignoring the true enemy, which is bacteria and viruses. Likewise people can attack themselves spiritually by self-rejection, self-hatred and self-bitterness. As the person continues to attack him- or herself spiritually, the body finally agrees and the white corpuscles start attacking the body. That is a high price to pay for not loving yourself."

Henry Wright. *A More Excellent Way* (Kindle Locations 3172-3177). Kindle Edition.

Likewise, the body of Christ, because of a lack of love for one another, attacks itself, ignoring the true enemy! This is the high price to pay for not loving one another.

I find Peter's warnings in his second epistle of particular interest:

In the past there arose false prophets among God's people, just as there will continue to be false teachers who will secretly infiltrate in your midst to divide you, bringing with them their destructive heresies. They will even deny the Master, who paid the price for them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.<sup>2</sup> Many will follow immoral lifestyles. Because of these corrupt false teachers, the way of truth will be slandered.<sup>3</sup> They are only out for themselves, ready to exploit you for their own gain through their cunning arguments. Their condemnation has been a long time coming. But their destruction does not slumber or sit idly by, for it is sure to come. 2 Peter 2:1-3

Peter continues:

They are professional insulters, who slander whatever they don't understand, and in their destruction they will be destroyed. 2 Peter 2:13.



They promise others freedom, yet they themselves are slaves to corruption, for people are slaves to whatever overcomes them. 2 Peter 2:19

**"In the realm of the Holy of Holies, we cannot preach a message that we are not able to live. If we are not living examples of that message, it does not belong to us and we have no authority to preach it."**

## Shutting the Doors to the Kingdom of Heaven

Religion shuts the doors to the Kingdom of Heaven, preventing people from entering. Yahshua warns:

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matthew 23:13

Jesus sent out his Apostles with an assignment: Ye go, preach, saying "The kingdom of heaven is at hand". He immediately continues: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:7-8).

"So, dear friends, don't let this one thing escape your notice: a single day counts like a thousand years to the Lord Yahweh, and a thousand years count as one day.<sup>9</sup> This means that, contrary to man's perspective, the Lord is not late with his promise to return, as some measure lateness. But rather, his "delay" simply reveals his loving patience toward you, because he does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:8-9).



Consider this as an opportunity to sincerely seek and return to your First Love, Yahshua HaMashiach, while there is still time. Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Isaiah 55:6 NLT

“Above all, you must understand that in the last days mockers [scoffers] will multiply, chasing after their evil desires: <sup>4</sup> They will say, “So what about this promise of his coming? Our ancestors are dead and buried, yet everything is still the same as it was since from the beginning of time until now” (2 Peter 3:3-4).

## A FINAL WARNING

Adonai warns us that the earth will be full of fornication and drunkenness as the kings of the world commit fornication with this harlot women, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth (Revelation 17:1-5).

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** <sup>3</sup> For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. <sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.** Revelation 18:1-4



On that morning of March 2009 the Lord was calling me out of Babylon! He is also now calling you out of Babylon! Please do not delay, for the time has come for BABYLON TO FALL! Discern these seducing spirits that are misleading you. Not every person who teaches the Word of God is a true servant of God!. Be aware! Beware of the wolves in the sheep's clothing. Jezebel is out to seduce the Lord's servants!

## **John also gives us a WARNING**

“Don't set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible.

<sup>16</sup> For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world.

<sup>17</sup> This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who love to do the will of God live forever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

## **The Flesh, the Eye and Pride of Life**

The King James Version translated the above verse 16 as follows: “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life”. These are the areas of temptation satan used to pull Adam and Eve away from the Father. He used the same areas to tempt Jesus in the wilderness. He is an expert at using these cravings to dilute our love for the Father and to turn our affections to the things of this life. But the values of the Kingdom of God are setting our affections on what is above, living in the



fruit of the Spirit, which always waits for God's timing for promotions (1 Peter 5:6).

## **EXAMPLES**

Following are some of the many examples the Apostles gave us of how the nation of Israel went astray, because of these false doctrines and teachings.

## **HEAVENLY MESSENGERS**

In the Book of Jude the author mentions that fallen angels, who went out from their rightful domain, are now bound in the bottomless pit, awaiting judgment day.

I need to remind you, even though you are familiar with it all, that the Lord Jesus saved his people out of Egypt BUT subsequently destroyed those who were guilty of unbelief. <sup>6</sup> In the same way, there were heavenly messengers - angels - in rebellion who went outside their rightful domain of authority (their own principality and their native state), and abandoned their appointed realms. God bound them in everlasting chains and is keeping them in the dark abyss of the netherworld until the judgment of the great day. Jude 5-6

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment. (2 Peter 2:4).



## Old World

Peter refers back to the days of Noah, when the Lord did not spare the world, but destroyed, it with a flood because of wickedness.

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 2 Peter 2:5 KJV

## SODOM AND GOMORRAH

“In a similar way the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and nearby towns gave themselves to sexual immorality and unnatural desires of different flesh. Now they all serve as examples of those who experience the punishment of eternal fire.” Jude 7

“And don’t forget that he reduced to ashes the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, condemning them to ruin and destruction. God appointed them to be examples as to what is coming to the ungodly.” 2 Peter 2:6

In the next verse Peter indicates that it is the Lord’s character to rescue the righteous man. As He did it with Noah and Lot, He will do again for His Bride!

Yet he rescued a righteous man, Lot, suffering the indignity of the unbridled lusts of the lawless. 2 Peter 2:7

## HARDENED HEART

In the Gospel of Matthew the Lord sent out the 12 Apostles to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons. Then Yahshua gave them a warning that not everyone



would receive them, nor hear their words. He commanded them to shake the dust off their feet, when departing from that house or city.

Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city. Matthews 10:15

**Let this be a serious warning:**

**“Do not reject this word that is coming to you today!”**

## **Lot’s Wife**

In Luke 17:32 the Lord refers to Lot’s wife: “Do you remember Lot's wife?” On that day when Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.” (verse 29). The Lord could not do anything, before Lot and his family left Sodom and Gomorrah for Zoar.

“But hurry! Escape to it, for I can do nothing until you arrive there.” (*This explains why that village was known as Zoar, which means “little place.”*)  
Genesis 19:22 NLT

Yahshua Himself confirmed that, when the Son of man will be revealed, the righteous must first be removed, before He can deal with the unrighteous.

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Luke 17:30

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.” (2 Peter 2:6).





## Cain

The way of Cain was to reject the blood sacrifice that God desired and to instead offer the fruit of his own labor, or works. False teachers will pollute the Gospel by adding human works and efforts (Jude 10). John recorded that we should love one another and not be like Cain:

For this is the message that you have heard from *the* beginning, that we should love one another; <sup>12</sup> not as Cain *who* was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And for what did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's things were righteous. 1 John 3:11-12

"Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey" (Romans 6:16 ISV).

## BALAAM'S ERROR

The Book of Jude is an amazing single chapter book, starting with a word of encouragement to the believer that the truth we received from the Gospel is worth fighting for.

For God, *through the apostles*, has once for all entrusted these truths to his holy believers (Jude 3).

But Jude also warns against false teachers:

There have been some who have sneaked in among you unnoticed. They are depraved people whose judgment was prophesied in Scripture a long time ago. They have perverted *the message of God's* grace into a license to commit immorality and turn against our only absolute Master, our Lord Jesus



Christ. <sup>5</sup> I need to remind you, even though you are familiar with it all, that *the Lord* Jesus saved his people out of Egypt but subsequently destroyed those who were guilty of unbelief. Jude 4-5

Jude refers back to Israel, who, in unbelief, feared to enter their promised land, because of the giants they saw. Joshua and Caleb were the only two spies out of twelve, who remained faithful.

<sup>27</sup> How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation, which murmurs against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel which they murmur against Me. <sup>28</sup> Say to them, *As I live*, says Jehovah, as you have spoken in My ears, so I will do to you. <sup>29</sup> Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me, <sup>30</sup> you shall certainly not come into the land which I swore to make you live in, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. Numbers 14:27-30

### **Jude continues:**

<sup>7</sup> In a similar way, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and nearby towns gave themselves to sexual immorality and the unnatural desire of different flesh. Now they all serve as examples of those who experience the punishment of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> In the same way, these sensual “dreamers” corrupt and pollute the natural realm, while on the other hand they reject the *spiritual* realms of governmental power and repeatedly scoff at heavenly glories. <sup>9</sup> Even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil over the body of Moses, dared not insult or slander him, but simply said, “The Lord Yahweh rebuke you!” <sup>10</sup> These people insult anything they don’t understand. They behave like irrational beasts by doing whatever they feel like doing. Because



they live by their animal instincts, they corrupt themselves and bring about their own destruction. <sup>11</sup> How terrible it is for them! For they have followed in the steps of Cain.

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Throughout the Bible, Scriptures refer back to Baal and Balaam. Jude added the rebellious acts of Korah.

Peter wrote:

Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: <sup>15</sup> Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. 2 Peter 2:14-15



Peter warns us about these people in 2 Peter 2:19: “They promise others freedom ,yet they themselves are slaves to corruption, for people are slaves to whatever overcomes them”.

## **What were these errors of Balaam and Korah?**

### **Korah**

King David wrote:

"They became envious of Moses and Aaron, your holy ones. <sup>17</sup> You split open the earth and it swallowed up Dathan and Abiram along with their followers. <sup>18</sup> Fire fell from heaven and burnt up all the band of rebels, turning them to ashes. Ps 105:16 -18

Since we already studied the Doctrine of Christ, it might be a good idea to fully record these wicked acts, so that we can receive the spirit of discernment to grow unto spiritual maturity. Numbers 16 tells how Korah led 250 men in rebellion against Moses. The earth opened up and swallowed Korah alive. In the same way, the things of the world entice these false teachers and they will be swallowed up by their greed.

Let us read the complete story:

“Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took both Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben; <sup>2</sup> even they rose up before Moses with some of the sons of Israel,



two hundred and fifty rulers of the assembly, elect men in the congregation, men who were well-known.

<sup>3</sup> And they gathered themselves against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You take too much upon you, since all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Jehovah is among them. Why then do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of Jehovah? <sup>4</sup> And Moses heard and fell on his face. <sup>5</sup> And he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, **Even tomorrow Jehovah will show who are His, and him who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him; even him whom He has chosen, He will cause to come near to Him.**

<sup>6</sup> Do this. Take fire-pans, Korah and all his company, <sup>7</sup> and put fire in them, and put incense in them before Jehovah tomorrow. And it shall be the man whom Jehovah chooses, he shall be holy. You take too much upon you, sons of Levi! <sup>8</sup> And Moses said to Korah, Hear now you sons of Levi; <sup>9</sup> is it only a small thing to you that the God of Israel has **separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of Jehovah and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?** <sup>10</sup> And He has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you. And do you seek the priesthood also? <sup>11</sup> For this cause you and all your company are gathered against Jehovah. And what is Aaron, that you murmur against him? <sup>12</sup> And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. And they said, We will not come up. <sup>13</sup> Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land that flows with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but must you also seize dominion over us? <sup>14</sup> Besides, you have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance in fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.



<sup>15</sup> And Moses was very angry, and said to Jehovah, Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

<sup>16</sup> And Moses said to Korah, Stand before Jehovah, you and all your company, you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. <sup>17</sup> And every man take his fire-pan and put incense in them, and let every man bring his fire-pan before Jehovah, two hundred and fifty fire-pans, you also, and Aaron, each with his fire-pan. <sup>18</sup> And every man took his fire-pan and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. <sup>19</sup> **And Korah gathered all the congregation against them, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the glory of Jehovah appeared to all the congregation.**

<sup>20</sup> And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>21</sup> Separate yourselves from among this congregation, so that I may devour them in a moment. <sup>22</sup> And they fell upon their faces and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and will You be angry with all the congregation? <sup>23</sup> And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying, <sup>24</sup> Speak to the congregation saying, Get away from the tent of Korah and Dathan and Abiram. <sup>25</sup> And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram. And the elders of Israel followed him. <sup>26</sup> **And he spoke to the congregation, saying, I pray you, get away from the tents of these wicked men. And touch nothing of theirs lest you be destroyed in all their sins.** <sup>27</sup> So they got away from the tent of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, on every side. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their infants. <sup>28</sup> **And Moses said, By this you shall know that Jehovah has sent me to do all these works, and that not from my own heart.** <sup>29</sup> If these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited according to the examination of all men, Jehovah has not sent me. <sup>30</sup> But if Jehovah makes a new thing, and the earth opens her mouth and swallows them up with all that



they have, and they go down alive into the pit, then you shall understand that these men have provoked Jehovah. <sup>31</sup> And it happened, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. <sup>32</sup> And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who were for Korah, and all their goods.

**<sup>33</sup> They and all that they had went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed upon them. And they perished from among the congregation. <sup>34</sup>** And all Israel around them fled at their cry. For they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. <sup>35</sup> And there came out a fire from Jehovah and burned up the **two hundred and fifty** men who offered incense.

<sup>36</sup> And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying, <sup>37</sup> Speak to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the fire-pans out of the burning, and scatter the fire yonder. For they are holy. <sup>38</sup> The fire-pans of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them into broad plates, a covering for the altar; for they offered them before Jehovah, therefore they are made holy. And they shall be a sign to the sons of Israel.

<sup>39</sup> And Eleazar the priest took the bronze fire-pans, the ones with which those who had been burned up had offered, and they were made into broad plates, a covering of the altar, <sup>40</sup> a memorial to the sons of Israel, that no stranger not of the seed of Aaron may come near to offer incense before Jehovah, so that he may not be as Korah and as his company, as Jehovah said to him by the hand of Moses. <sup>41</sup> But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron saying, You have killed the people of Jehovah. <sup>42</sup> And it happened when the congregation was gathered together against Moses and against Aaron, they looked toward the



tabernacle of the congregation. And behold! The cloud covered it, and the glory of Jehovah appeared.

<sup>43</sup> And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>44</sup>

And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying, <sup>45</sup> Get away from this congregation so that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

<sup>46</sup> And Moses said to Aaron, Take a fire-pan, and put fire in it from the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly to the congregation and make an atonement for them. For wrath has gone out from Jehovah. The plague has begun. <sup>47</sup> And Aaron did as Moses commanded and ran into the midst of the congregation. And behold! The plague had begun among the people. And he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. <sup>48</sup> And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed.

<sup>49</sup> And those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand, seven hundred, besides the ones who died about the matter of Korah. <sup>50</sup> And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the plague was stayed.” Numbers 16:1-50 MKJV

These people brought false fire unto the altar of Adonai. False fires were from false gods, trying to mislead the people of Israel. God is holy and He will not allow any unholiness in His congregation! Even today, many people rebel against God’s spiritual leaders, by standing up against those whom God ordained to lead His servants. Let us step away from those rebellious people, for Adonai will devour them and they will go down into Sheol.





**Jude continues:**

“<sup>14</sup> Enoch, the 7<sup>th</sup> descendent from Adam prophesied of their doom, when he said: 'look, here comes the Lord Yahweh with his countless myriads of holy ones. <sup>15</sup> He comes to execute judgments against them all and to convict each one of the for their ungodly deeds and for all the terrible words that ungodly sinners have spoken against him. <sup>16</sup> These people are ALWAYS COMPLAINING and never SATISFIED finding fault with everyone. They follow their own evil desires and their mouths speak scandalous things. They enjoy using seductive flattery to manipulate others. <sup>18</sup> They taught you in the last days there will always be mockers, motivated by their own ungodly desires. <sup>19</sup> These people cause divisions and are followers of their own natural instincts, devoid of the life of the Spirit.” Jude 14-19

**Be extremely careful to keep yourselves free from the pollutions of the flesh. Jude 14-23**

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: <sup>10</sup> But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. <sup>12</sup> But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; <sup>13</sup> And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; <sup>19</sup> they promise them liberty, they themselves are the



servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. <sup>20</sup> For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. <sup>21</sup> For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. <sup>22</sup> But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. 2 Peter 2:9-22 KJV

## BAAL WORSHIP

The first appearance of the word “**Baal**” in the Bible is in Numbers 22, when Balak summoned Balaam to curse the people of Israel.

And it happened on the next day Balak took Balaam and brought him up into the high places of Baal, so that from there he might see the edge of the people. Numbers 22:41

Three times Balaam tried to curse God’s people, but every time he opened his mouth, a word of blessing was released instead. Balak, the king, was very angry at Balaam, because he paid him a huge amount of money to curse the people of Israel. Then Balaam came up with a unique plan to lead Israel astray. He told Balak to send Moabite women (*harlots*) to the men of Israel. These women then led the men of Israel to Baal-peor, where they made sacrifices unto their idol gods, accompanied by various sexual immoral deeds.



## **The Book of Numbers explains:**

“And Israel lived in Shittim, and the people began to fornicate with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup> And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup> **And Israel joined himself to Baal-peor. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel.**

<sup>4</sup> And Jehovah said to Moses, Take all the heads of the people and hang them up before Jehovah against the sun, so that the fierce anger of Jehovah may be turned away from Israel. <sup>5</sup> And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal-peor. <sup>6</sup> And behold! One of the sons of Israel came and brought to his brothers a woman of Midian, before the eyes of Moses, and before all the congregation of the sons of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

<sup>7</sup> **And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman, through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the sons of Israel. <sup>9</sup> And those that died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.**

### The Zeal of Phinehas

<sup>10</sup> And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying, <sup>11</sup> **Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned My wrath away from the sons of Israel while he was zealous for My sake among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy. <sup>12</sup> Therefore say, Behold! I give him My covenant of peace. <sup>13</sup> And he shall have it, and his seed**



**after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the sons of Israel.** <sup>14</sup>

And the name of the Israelite who was killed, he who was struck with the woman of Midian, was Zimri, the son of Salu, ruler of a chief house of the Simeonites. <sup>15</sup> And the Midianite woman's name who was killed was Cosbi, the daughter of Zur. He was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian. <sup>16</sup> And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying, <sup>17</sup> Trouble the Midianites and strike them.

<sup>18</sup> For they trouble you with their lies, with which they have deceived you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi the daughter of a ruler of Midian, their sister, who was stricken in the day of the plague because of Peor." Numbers 25:1-18 NKJV

## **ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF IN THE WILDERNESS**

"I need to remind you, even though you are familiar with it all, that the Lord Jesus saved his people out of Egypt, BUT subsequently destroyed those who were guilty of unbelief." Jude 5

David gives us a detailed overview in Psalms 105:

"I will give you all the land Canaan as your inheritance" <sup>12</sup> They were few in number, when God gave promise and were all foreigners to that land <sup>13</sup> **They were wandering from one land to another and from one Kingdom to another** <sup>14</sup> Yet, God did not permit anyone to touch them <sup>15</sup> **Don't you dare lay hand on my anointed ones.** <sup>16</sup> So, God decreed a famine upon Canaan, cutting off their food supply. <sup>17</sup> He already sent a man ahead of his people to Egypt, Joseph, sold as a slave ....



<sup>20</sup> The King of Egypt set him free and put Joseph in charge .....

<sup>26</sup> God sent Moses to deliver them and Moses brought plagues over the Egyptians

<sup>37</sup> And God freed all the Hebrews from their slavery - and send them away with silver and gold and NOT ONE WAS FEEBLE.

<sup>38-40</sup> Provide for them in the wilderness and satisfied them with heaven's bread." Psalm 105:11-40

David continues in Psalm 106:

Our father's did not fully understand your wonders and took you for granted over and over you showed them love and mercy. Yet, they were barely beyond Red Sea, when they rebelled against you. <sup>8</sup> Nonetheless, you saved them, <sup>9-12</sup> making a dry path. <sup>13</sup> Yet how quickly they forgot your miracles of power. They wouldn't wait for you to act when they were hungry, <sup>14</sup> but demanded you satisfy their cravings and give them food! They tested you to the breaking point. <sup>15</sup> So you gave them what they wanted to eat, but their souls starved away to nothing. Psalm 106:7-14

These rebellious people provoked the Lord to anger, ever demanding of Him to fulfil their own fleshly desires. The Book of Numbers recorded it as follows:

And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. <sup>33</sup> **And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. <sup>34</sup> And he called the name of that**



**place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.** Numbers 11:32-34

They were concerned about their fleshly appetites and the Lord gave them over to their sinful lusts and then devoured them. The MKJV version translated verse 34 as:

And he called the name of that place **Graves of Lust**, because there they buried the people that lusted. Numbers 11:34 MKJV

Saints, let this be a warning for us as New Testament believers! Beware of fleshly lust, the lust of the eye and the pride of life. These were the downfall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and until today it is still the downfall of the human race.

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” James 1:14

The ISV translated says it as:

“Instead, each person is tempted by his own desire, being lured and trapped by it. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” James 14-15.

## **A WARNING NOT TO LOVE THE WORLD**

“Don’t set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible. <sup>16</sup> For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world.



<sup>17</sup> This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who love to do the will of God live forever.” 1 John 2:15-17 TPT

The KJV translated verse 16 as:

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

As already mentioned previously, Satan used these three areas of temptation to pull Adam and Eve away from the Father and to tempt Jesus in the wilderness.

He is an expert in using these cravings to dilute our love for the Father and cause us to turn our affections to the things of this life.

But the values of the Kingdom of God are setting our affections on things above, living in the fruit of the spirit - WHICH ALWAYS WAITS for GOD's TIMING FOR PROMOTION.

“If you bow low in God’s awesome presence, he will eventually exalt you as you leave the timing in his hands.” (1 Peter 5:6).

David continues in Ps 106:

<sup>19</sup> They made an idol of a calf at Sinai, <sup>21-22</sup> They totally forgot it was you saved them.

<sup>23</sup> So you were fed up and decided to destroy them, BUT Moses stood in the gap and made intercessory for them.



<sup>25</sup> They grumbled and found fault with everything and closed their hearts to your voice!

<sup>26</sup> You gave up and swore to them that they would all die in the desert <sup>27</sup> And you scattered their children to distant lands to die as exiles.” Psalm 106:19-26

*“So drop everything else and listen to his voice! For this is what he’s saying: “Today, when I speak, don’t even think about turning a deaf ear to me like they did when they tested me at Meribah [Meribah means strife, argument] and Massah, the place where they argued with me, their Creator. Your ancestors challenged me over and over with their COMPLAINING, even though I had convinced them of my power and love. They still doubted my care for them. <sup>10</sup> So for forty long years I was grieved and disgusted by them. I described them as wicked wanderers whose hearts would not follow my ways or keep my words. <sup>11</sup> So I made a vow in my anger and declared, ‘They will never enter the resting place I’ve planned for them!’” Psalm 95:9-11*

**“SO, DON’T YOU EVER BE HARD-HEARTED OR STUBBORN  
LIKE THEY WERE!”**





## ENTER MY REST

Paul quotes David in Hebrews 3 and 4, when he speaks of entering into Adonai's rest.

Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. <sup>10</sup> Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. <sup>11</sup> So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) <sup>12</sup> Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Hebrews 3:7-12

Let there be no unbelief in your heart, nor a spirit of rebellion or any lust of the eye, lust of the flesh or pride of life. These will cause you to not enter your dominion rest. The Millennium Reign, which is at hand, is our 1000 year period of rest. Make sure to not miss this, because of constant walking in rebellion and unbelief.

David explained: *"It continued until Phineas intervened and executed the guilty for causing judgment to fall upon them. <sup>31</sup> Because of this deed of righteousness Phineas will be remembered forever".* Ps 106:30-31

Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, went into the tent of the Moabite harlots and destroyed the sexual immoral deeds, whereafter the plague stopped. Then Adonai made a covenant with Phinehas because of this act of righteousness.



God made a covenant with Phinehas for he was zealous for his God.

Numbers 25:13

David continues, again in Psalm 106:

“But they mingled themselves with their enemies and learned to copy their works of darkness. <sup>36</sup> They began to serve their gods and bow before their idols. All of this led them away from you and brought about their downfall.

They even sacrificed their little children to the demon spirits, <sup>38–39</sup> shedding the innocent blood of their sons and daughters. These dark practices greatly defiled the land and their own souls, through the murder and bloodshed of their own babies! Their sins made them spiritual adulterers before you”.

Psalm 106:35-39

Adonai had to deal with these pagan immoral rituals in a different way than He did in the New Testament. Before Christ’s final blood sacrifice, it was impossible to convert the unbeliever. The Lord told Moses to make ready for battle and destroy these pagan immoral nations. We read the story in Numbers 31:

And they warred against the Midianites, as Jehovah commanded Moses. And they killed all the males. <sup>8</sup> And they killed the kings of Midian, besides the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian. ***They also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.*** <sup>9</sup> And the sons of Israel **took all the women of Midian captive**, and their little ones, and the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. <sup>10</sup> And they burned with fire all their cities, their homes, and all their towers. <sup>11</sup>



And they took all the spoil and all the prey of men and animals. <sup>12</sup>  
 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to  
 Moses and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the  
 sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are beside  
 Jordan, at Jericho. <sup>13</sup> And Moses and Eleazar the priest, and all the  
 rulers of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside the  
 camp. <sup>14</sup> And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the  
 captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, who came  
 from the battle. <sup>15</sup> **And Moses said to them, “Have you allowed  
 all the women to live?”** <sup>16</sup> Look, these people, through the counsel  
 of Balaam, caused the Israelites to act treacherously against the  
 LORD in the matter of Peor—and there was the plague among the  
 community of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> Now therefore kill every boy, and kill  
 every woman who has had intercourse with a man. Numbers 31:7-  
 17 MKJV

**Here follows what we can expect, when we continue hardening our hearts, turning a deaf ear to the voice of the Holy Spirit:**

So you turned them over to the crushing hands of other nations,  
 and those who hated them became tyrants over them. <sup>42</sup>  
 Oppressive enemies subdued them, ruling over them with their  
 tyranny. <sup>43</sup> Many times you would have come to rescue them, but  
 they continued in their rebellious ways, choosing to ignore your  
 warnings. Then they sank lower and lower, destroyed by their  
 depravity. Numbers 31:41-43



David cried out for the Lord's mercy to save them. I cry out today for the same mercy to save us again!

<sup>44-45</sup> Yet even so, you waited and waited, watching to see if they would turn and cry out to you for a father's help. And then, when you heard their cry, you relented and you remembered your covenant and you turned your heart toward them again, according to your abundant, overflowing, and limitless love. <sup>46</sup> Then you caused even their oppressors to pity them and show them compassion. <sup>47</sup> Do it again, Lord! Save us, O Lord, our God! Psalm 106:44-47 TPT

"If I had closed my eyes to my sin, the Lord God would have closed his ears to my prayers." (Psalm 66:18 TPT).

Whatever the revelation-light exposes, it will also correct and everything that reveals truth is light to the soul (everything revealed becomes light) <sup>14</sup> "Arise you sleeper - Rise up from your coffin and the anointed one, will shine his light into you" <sup>18</sup> Don't get drunk .... Instead be filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Let us not grieve the Holy Spirit when God is doing His work - His work of full salvation. Ephesians 5:13-18

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup> And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:30-32 KJV



Let us not quench the spirit, that is to put out the fire of the Holy Ghost.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 KJV

The Passion Translation states: '*Never restrain or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit*'. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted His holy influence in your life.

It is simply impossible to serve two gods at the same time, as Matthew recorded:

How can you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't worship the true God while enslaved to the god of money!

Matthew 6:24 TPT

I stand silently to listen for the one I love,  
waiting as long as it takes for the Lord to rescue me.

For God alone has become my Savior.

<sup>2</sup> He alone is my safe place;  
his wrap-around presence always protects me.

For he is my champion defender;  
there's no risk of failure with God.

Psalms 62:1-2 TPT

I thirst with the deepest longings to love you more,  
with cravings in my heart that can't be described.

Such yearning grips my soul for you, my God!



<sup>2</sup> I'm energized every time I enter  
your heavenly sanctuary to seek more of your power  
and drink in more of your glory.

<sup>3</sup> For your tender mercies mean more to me than life itself.  
How I love and praise you, God!

Psalm 63:1-3

When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai,  
you are hidden in the strength of God Most High.

<sup>2</sup> He's the hope that holds me and the Stronghold to shelter me,  
the only God for me, and my great confidence.

<sup>3</sup> He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy,  
and he will protect you from false accusation  
and any deadly curse.

<sup>4</sup> His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you.  
You can run under his covering of majesty and hide.  
His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.

Psalm 91:1-4

So drop everything else and listen to his voice!

For this is what he's saying:

**“Today, when I speak,  
don't even think about turning a deaf ear to me.”**

Psalm 95:7



Throughout the messages to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation 2 and 3, we find the Lord's warning:

**"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"**



## GLOBAL STRATEGY CONFERENCE IN HELL

I would like to share something that I had read many years ago, about a strategy of satan to keep humanity in bondage. This even includes believers!

About 100 years ago Satan gathered all the demons and announced that he was looking for a new strategy by which he could enslave nations and generations to himself. The spirit of MAMMON (Matthew 6:24) raised his hand and stated that he had a plan:

Mammon began: "I think that we can use a principle I have learned from the Bible. Proverbs 22:7 tells that the borrower is enslaved to the lender. I already have many institutions and individuals that I control from hell. They are completely dedicated to serve me and I control them through their love of money. So we could use these institutions and individuals to make money available to others to borrow at interest rate. Those who borrow money will then become slaves to the lenders, whom we will control.

Satan then asked, "But how do we force people to borrow?"

"No, we don't force them at all", smirked Mammon. "People will voluntarily borrow the money!"

"WHAT?", railed Satan. "Do you think that people will voluntarily agree to be slaves to institutions and individuals we already control from hell? They won't do that!"





"Maybe not many, at first, said Mammon. But we will continue to deceive people and get them accustomed to the idea. After a few short decades, I think we will have almost the entire society acclimated to the idea of debt and they will be our slaves."

Satan then said: "But I really wanted a strategy that would affect the Christians too. I don't think this will work with them."

"Sure it will", said Mammon. "They will do the same as everyone else!"

"You mean to tell me that those in relationship with God and filled with the Holy Spirit, will just voluntarily bow down and become slaves of institutions and individuals that we control from hell?"

They'll never do that. They're not that stupid!"

Again Mammon countered: "Maybe not at first, but after some time, more and more will be deceived and accept the concept as normal. Eventually we will even get their pastors and leaders to borrow money to improve their church buildings and thus subject themselves to us to be our slaves. We will make the concept of debt seem so completely normal, that after several decades families, companies, churches, cities and even nations will become our slaves through debt. Let's just introduce the concept and see what happens over time."

"Satan mused for a few moments, and barked: "Okay, Mammon, go ahead with our plan. We will see if our deception is really strong enough that people will voluntarily submit themselves to be



our slaves through debt. It is hard to believe that people would be so foolish and short sighted, but perhaps you are right. Soon we will see!"

Looking at the current state of the financial world, it is clear that Mammon's plan to enslave humanity was indeed successful! Satan and his seducing and misleading demonic spirits supernaturally deceive humanity, as the son of Satan, Mammon, convinces all that they need more and more in order to be happy and successful!

Our Provider, Yehôvâh Jireh, on the other hand, is able to simply use what we have available to offer Him, as we see in the well-known miracle of the multiplication of the bread and fish in John 6:4-14.

Our Father in heaven specialises in filling up all our empty needs, as He did for the widow in 2 Kings 4:1-7



## THE SEAT OF SATAN

With this background in mind we can proceed with the Lord's warning to the end time churches. *{All seven of the churches in Revelation not only point us to the different stages of the end time church, but also indicate the stages of different denominations at the end of this age}*.

**The word “church” is “ekklesia” in Greek. “Ek” means out and “klesia” means to call.**

The “called out” ones: separated, a prestigious assembly of distinguished citizens who determined laws, debated public policy, formulated new policies, argued and ruled in judicial matters, elected chief magistrates, and decided who should be banished. A Body of Believers, distinguished from others, called by God to create atmosphere in regions, influence in power, change the environment.

The pagan temple of Serapis was in Ephesus. It was filled with dark occultic music and rituals and was not a place for the believer, but of seducing spirits, where the doctrine of demons was taught. Paul preached to the church in Ephesus and confronted their theology. He convinced them to burn their witchcraft books in front of all. This is totally the opposite of what currently happens in churches. Teachings, meetings and intercessors have little, if any, impact on the people.

**Moreover, many people who had practiced occult arts gathered their books and burned them in front of everybody. They estimated their value and found them to have been worth 50,000 silver coins.**

**Acts 19:19 ISV**



As we saw earlier, Paul warned Timothy that seducing spirits and doctrines of demons would infiltrate the church. Believers would be misled, will embrace the lie and will depart from the faith (1 Timothy 4:1).

Paul continues to explain to Timothy:

<sup>3</sup> Even as I begged you to remain at Ephesus, when I was going to Macedonia, that you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor to give heed to fables and endless genealogies (which provide doubts rather than *the* nurture of God in faith). 1 Timothy 1:3-4 MKJV

The phrase “*no other doctrine*” is combined in one Greek word “*heterdidaskaleo*”, which is a compound of *heteros* and *didaskalos*. *Heteros* points to something of a different kind and the word *didaskalos* depicts doctrine or teaching. **As the combined word “*heterdidaskaleo*”, it means to teach another doctrine, to picture a doctrine of a different kind or a teaching of a different sort.** Even when sophisticated and well packed, it remains a twisting and modification of the truth. It progressively changes the way we think about the truth.

#### **Rick Renner testimony:**

Rick Renner and his family were sent by the Lord from the USA to Russia to start a church many years ago and ever since Rick and his family have been living in Moscow. Once, after he had preached at a congregation back in the USA during a visit, the Pastor of that congregation came to Rick and said:

*“Rick, I had listened to you and your preaching is like a dinosaur.”*

Amazed, Rick wanted to know exactly what the Pastor meant. The Pastor replied: *“It is if you are frozen in time, Rick. We have moved on with a much*



*more innovative message than the one you preached today. It is as if you got frozen in ice, while you have been in Russia”.*

It was indeed a compliment for Rick to realise that he had stayed obedient to the original message of the Word of God. He had not been deceived and contaminated by deceiving spirits. He was not under the influence of a different kind of teaching or doctrine.

My dear friend, I have been sensing for quite some time now that we have to return to the basic Word of God and preach a pure message of the Gospel, as the Apostles did. After absorbing all the information that the Holy Ghost has imputed on me over the past seven years, I have come into agreement with Paul that there is only one Gospel, one Faith and one Baptism. The Gospel is that of the Messiah’s death, burial and resurrection and if anyone adds to this, or preaches another Gospel, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:8).

## TEACHERS

Paul warned Timothy against the church in Ephesus, where they had turned to foolish talking, desiring to be teachers of the law, but not understanding what they taught!

Even as I begged you to remain at Ephesus, when I was going to Macedonia, that you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine,<sup>4</sup> nor to give heed to fables and endless genealogies (which provide doubts rather than the nurture of God in faith).<sup>5</sup> But the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned,<sup>6</sup> from which some,



having swerved, have turned aside to foolish talking, <sup>7</sup> **desiring to be teachers of the law, neither understanding what they say nor that which they affirm. 1 Timothy 1:3-7**

These are hard words coming from Paul, when he explains that the law is not for the righteous, but for the unrighteous, for the lawless!

Following is a description of the kind of teaching in the Body of Christ today. The Greek word for “Teachers of the law” is “*nomodisaskalos*”. The word *nomos* means rules, principles or the unchanging and unbendable rule of faith. The word *disaskalos* refers to a masterful teacher. When we combine these, it pictures a masterful scripture-lawyer, someone scholarly in interpreting the Bible.

**Those who want to be profound in standards and norms, they do it inaccurately because they do not understand what they are saying.**

The word “**understand**” is the Greek word “*noountes*”, a derivative from the word *nous*, meaning:

**to perceive; it refers to the mind and the ability to think, reason, understand, and to comprehend; it pictures the place where reasoning, perception, and understanding take place.**

In this case, their minds are defected, they do not think correctly, nor do they come to logical conclusions. They desire to be teachers of the law, but they have no understanding. Some may even be gifted speakers or teachers, but they deliver a twisted message to the Body of Christ, although it may be



sophisticated and well packed. Their hearts may earnestly long to be teachers of the law, but they themselves do not understand the Gospel. It is like a child who desires to be a medical physician and wants to do surgery on a patient. It would be very irresponsible to allow that child to do so, even though his desire may be pure

**Why then do we so easily allow incompetent spiritual surgeons to operate on us?**

Paul states:

“But we know that the law is good if a man uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> knowing this, **that the law is not made for a righteous one, but for the lawless and disobedient**, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup> for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and anything else that is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup> according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.” 1 Timothy 1:8-11 MKJV

**If you want to be a teacher of the law, take note, for the law is for the unrighteous!**

In his first epistle to Timothy, Paul makes it very clear that the Holy Ghost expressly revealed to him that many will depart from THE FAITH, because of these seducing spirits and the doctrine of demons in the church.



<sup>1</sup> But the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times **some** shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing** spirits and **teachings** of demons, <sup>2</sup> speaking lies in hypocrisy, being seared in their own conscience, <sup>3</sup> forbidding to marry, saying to abstain from foods which God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 MKJV

The word “*seducing*” refers to an animal, which has lost its way and can never find the way back home again. The word “*some*” describes leadership that moves away from the faith. Leaders have an impact on the sheep and can easily lead them astray. When Paul uses the word “doctrine” or “teachings” it refers to a message well-packed and well-conceived, a sophisticated message. It implies progressive thinking, but totally different from what the Bible teaches. These spirits will seduce even God’s servants to buy into the lie. Saints, I am very aware of the gravity of this message that the Holy Ghost has revealed to me. Deception is very subtle and we all participate at the table of demons. We are deceived, we socialise with pagans and participate in all the pagan feasts. When sharing these truths to deceived individuals, they mock us as if we are crazy and weird for breaking contact with the worldly system.

Some believers have no understanding why it is wrong to celebrate Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas. They do not comprehend the paganism behind Easter bunnies and Easter eggs. Nowhere in Scripture do we find any celebration of Christ’s birthday. *After understanding the truth about these pagan feasts, it is those persisting in the celebrations who are weird and crazy!*





In Second Timothy, Paul told that the time will come when people will no longer endure sound doctrine, but they will heap up teachers to themselves according to their own lusts, tickling the ear. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 MKJV

The Passion Bible translates it as:

*“For the time is coming when they will no longer listen and respond to the healing words of truth because they will become selfish and proud. They will seek out teachers with soothing words that line up with their desires, saying just what they want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will close their ears to the truth and believe nothing but fables and myths”.*

Clearly we see a picture of the end of this age, where we currently are. People are no longer receptive for the truth. They close their ears for the truth, seeking teachers who preach what they want to hear. Let us be frank! This is exactly what is happening in our churches today. All sorts of sinful deeds and wrong perspectives are being accommodated and approved, to not hurt feelings and offend people.

Yahshua does not hate people, but THEIR DEEDS, as He clearly indicates when He speaks about the Nicolaitans:

But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Revelation 2:6

We should not hate any homosexual or warmonger, but their deeds. We should minister to these people and deliver them from the snare of the devil.



Most often they do not even realize that they are captive. Why are we tolerating these seductive, Jezebel spirits to captivate people in the congregation? My only conclusion to this question is, because satan dwells in our churches, as he did in the church of Pergamum. (Revelation 2:13).

## SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

An angel delivered the messages to the seven churches in Revelation. “*Angel*” describes either a human messenger or an angel; one who is sent on a special mission; one who is dispatched to perform a specific assignment; often used to denote a delegate or dignitary; it can picture the role of a pastor or the overseer of the church; a messenger of God.

God never ignores spiritual authority when he instructs. If He has a message, especially to rebuke, the pastor is going to hear it first.

**Let those who want to be leaders take note! The message has been delivered!**

## EPHESUS

In His message to the church of Ephesus, the Lord says in Revelation 2:4 that “I have this against you, that you have left your First Love”. The phrase “*against you*” in Greek is “*kata*”, which means a downward strike, a strike against you. He has it against the congregation that they have left their first love. Likewise, we also let our first love, our earlier love, slip through our fingers. We simply carry on with our spiritual lives, not realizing that we have



lost that element, the first love. We must go back to the beginning, to Exodus 15, when Adonai delivered His people out of Egypt, which refers to our time of true repentance. The Lord is saying that we are already completely fallen, compared to what we had in the beginning. We need to change our minds and repent, lest He removes our candle stick.

Nonetheless, He gives them credit for hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which He also hates. Revelation 2:6

**Notice that He does not hate the Nicolaitans, but their deeds!**

The word “*hate*” in Greek is “*miseo*”, meaning to hate, to abhor, or to find utterly repulsive; a deep-seated animosity; intense hatred; repugnance; objectionable; something that causes one to feel disgust, repulsion; a deep-seated aversion; this is not just a case of dislike; it is a case of actual hatred.

The word “*deeds*” in Greek is “*erga*” and it refers to an activity; a word so all-encompassing that it pictures actions, beliefs, and conduct.

Christ was repulsed by the deeds and the teachings of the Nicolaitans!

## **The Nicolaitans**

**Who were they and how do they operate in the modern church today?**

The Nicolaitans were a group of people, who stood in the way, between the people and the Lord.



The seed of the Nicolaitans are still with us today. Some Bible Scholars refer to the Nicolaitans as a group of apostates, who had, as their founder, Nicholas of Antioch, a proselyte, who became one of the seven deacons at Jerusalem. They celebrated pagan feasts and were most unchaste in their behaviour. They taught that, in order to master sensuality, one would have to know, by experience, the whole range of it at first. Naturally they gave way to such abandonment that their degradation was complete. Thus, they had applied to themselves the two Old Testament names that symbolize such extravagances, namely Balaam and Jezebel. As we shall discuss later on, Balaam corrupted the people and thus conquered them. It was said that Nicholas did likewise. This group was supposedly forced out of Ephesus and found a place of establishment in Pergamum. This tradition was against scripture and they tried to mislead the church with their deeds. But, according to Revelation 2:6, the church of Ephesus hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans, as Christ also hated their deeds.

Read Revelation 2:15 and see how the seeds in Ephesus (their deeds), then became a doctrine also in the church of Pergamum.

“*Nikolaos*” consists of two part, namely “*niko*”, to conquer; and “*laos*”, to describe the people or laity.

The “Nicolaitans” thus means to conquer and subdue people; a proper Greek name that means one who conquers and subdues people or the laity. Their teachings and deeds had a conquering, defeating effect on the people. They were subduing God's people.



If the laity were being conquered, then there must have been specific “authority” teaching them that it was acceptable to serve Christ, while simultaneously participating in pagan practices. They were seduced to compromise. Rather than living separate from world, they were to compromise with the world by making sacrifices to the idols, in order to live in peace with their neighbours.

Religion, spiritual matters, if you like, is composed of two parts that intertwine, but are as opposite as black and white. Religion and the spiritual world consist of those two trees which had their roots in the Garden of Eden. Both the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil stood in the midst of the Garden of Eden and had their branches intertwined.

We find this same paradox in the Ephesian church. The church is made up of two branches of good and bad, like the wheat and tares, growing side by side. But one is True and the other is False.

We need to know the true Holy Spirit, in order for us to discern between good and bad. Then we will embrace the Truth and reject any false religion trying to infiltrate the church.

On the Mount of Olives, in a private meeting between Yashua and four of His disciples, He explained that there will be false Christs and false prophets. They shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.  
Matthew 24:24



Modern day Nicolaitans, as those in Ephesus also did, promote that believers may still socialise with pagans and pagan worship, and then return to their own belief system. They need not live a life separated from worldly activities, but can have the best of both. This intertwining of the False branch with the True branch is the exact aim of the Nicolaitans,

Over a period of time the church has left her First Love, after having repented and having received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This means that the church is in danger of losing the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as it happened after Moses led Israel out of Egypt.

The way of God was to lead them by the cloud of fire, prophetic utterance, miracles, signs and God-given wonders. They rebelled against God's authority and wanted a set of rules and creeds to go by. After they had received the Ten Commandments, they then demanded a king, like the pagan nations. They wanted to be exactly like the world and went into complete apostasy and oblivion. This is how the first church age started and it is getting worse and worse, until the Holy Spirit will be completely rejected. Adonai will then need to come and judge the earth!

This leaving of our First Love started with deeds and then became a doctrine. It became the standard. It became the unbending way. It finally took over and God was pushed aside. It started so small, so quietly, so inoffensively. It looked so good. It seemed so sound. Christ hated this teaching that compromised with the world. He hated their influence in the church as He does in our Modern Churches as well.



The Nicolaitans was an Egyptians religion. The Lord delivered His people from these Egyptian gods and forbit them to ever return to Egypt. But these gods were accommodated again in the Temple of Isis and Serapis in Pergamum.

**Have you been permanently delivered from these gods? Or have you returned to them?**

These false deeds and false doctrine are very subtle, like an angel of the light, until it gets a hold on the church like a python. It squeezes the very breath of the Holy Spirit out and kills all the spirituality present in the church. Maybe this is the reason why the Python Spirit is so active in our society? Katie Soza witnessed that the Python Spirit was even responsible for the 2020 election fraud in the USA.

These Nicolaitans teach compromise and inclusiveness. It has a strong doctrine, but changes the moral climate and produce the Gospel differently from the Word:

1. There is no emphasis on holy living and separation from the world! All sins are accepted, all sexual and gender preferences are allowed. By inclusiveness, no one is corrected to a holy life, in order to not offend anyone, but to rather help them blend in.
2. There is no emphasis on doctrinal teaching of the Bible to not include false perspectives. The Bible is merely used as a reference for principles, not to be used to judge any wrongs. Aspects such as the virgin birth, salvation and eternal judgment



are slightly or never taught. It has been replaced by social justice to make everyone feel better about themselves.

3. There is no emphasis on absolute truth or absolute biblical authority. Emphasis is on being openminded and everyone is equally right. It spreads a message that is only semi-evangelical.
4. There is no exclusionary belief that Christ alone is the way to heaven. Every person's belief is tolerated. Everyone has a piece of the truth. Christianity is seen as simply one of many truths and one of many roads leading to heaven.

Wherever this doctrine is embraced, Nicolaitanism will produce a powerless, weakened version of Christianity. Sin will be tolerated, separation ignored and the need for ongoing repentance will be disregarded.

This doctrine of the Nicolaitans taught that the church had to be governed and ruled by men. Self-appointed leaders simply took control and authority over the people and vested all the spiritual power in their own hands. They created a false priesthood, standing between Adonai and the people!

They became antichrists, for they disposed of His mediatorship and imposed their own. They separated the people. God hated that. It is even worse today! Adonai's people are supposed to be ONE. By one spirit are we all baptized





into one body! The Holy Ghost should move upon everyone and everyone is to participate in the worship of Adonai.

But men wanted the pre-eminence, so they took over control. Bishops became archbishops and with imposing titles they bypassed the Word of God and taught their own doctrines. They convinced the people to obey them, until their way of worship did not in any way resemble that of the early days after Pentecost.

Step by step, little by little this doctrine of the Nicolaitans deteriorated into preaching “church membership” as the means of saving grace. The Word of God was now reduced to a creed. The Antichrist, by his spirit, was predominating the church.

In the “language” of the Nicolaitans, Acts 2:4 can be translated as follows:

*“Now when the day of Pentecost was fully come, there came a priest with a wafer and said: “Stick out your tongue” and he laid the wafer upon it and he himself drank some wine and said: “You have now received the Holy Ghost”.*

They imply to the people: “You cannot understand or interpret the Word of God by yourselves. We have to do it for you”. In my Book **“Dispensation”** (*available on the website for free*) I discussed how the Wycliffe’s and the Tindale’s were executed on stake by the papacy, when they exposed the deeds of the papacy. During their translation of the Bible from original Hebrew and Greek to English, they indicated the Roman misleading in the Latin version.



“Furthermore, the Bible is not finished. It has to change with the time and we, the papacy, will tell you what the changes will be”. This is totally contradictory to the Word of God that states: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but not one word of God will fail”. The people are now being led by the antichrist, by false deeds and false teachings and doctrines.

The same happened with the doctrine of baptisms, as discussed in Part two of Laying Down the Foundation. After Pentecost all believers were immersed in water. Over time, educated men, Nicolaitans, reduced water baptism to a mere sprinkling of a few drops of water. Many church leaders will simply censor those who believe in water baptism. It is just impossible to be led by the Holy Spirit and still be part of such congregations.

Saints, the church is no longer being controlled by the Holy Ghost, but by Nicolaitans!

In Acts, Paul warns the church:

For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Also men shall arise from ***your own selves, speaking*** perverse things in order to draw disciples away after them. Acts 20:29-30 MKJV

It is a warning about this priesthood and their false doctrines. There are still a handful of Holy Ghost inspired Pastors, but mostly the flock just sits in the pew, absorbing the doctrine of the Nicolaitans.



In this message to the seven churches, Yahshua walked in the midst of the seven golden lampstands (Revelation 2:1). This means that Christ entered into and now walks in the midst of the church to see what they are doing.

*“Know your works”* means to see, to behold, to see from personal observation. Nothing about you can escape from me.

In the case of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Lord came down to see for Himself whether the report He had received was really all that bad.

**I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come to Me. And if not, I will know. Genesis 18:21 MKJV**

That is the same picture we get here. Yahshua is walking in and around the Church to see and to observe. Then He declares: “I know your works. I know everything about you. Repent and turn around!”

*“Works”* and *“labour”* in Greek is **“kopos”** and means hardest and most wearisome kind of labor; toil; fatigue, giving everything to a project or assignment; striving and working with every fibre of your being. It typifies work that may be wearisome or exhausting; the hardest kind of labor. It can be applied to physical, mental, or spiritual effort.



## PERGAMUM

In Pergamum was the Upper Theatre that could seat 10 000 spectators. The Greek people loved the theatre and it was a place of great entertainment. By the time of the Roman period in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, when the church was growing, the theatre was a disgusting place. All kinds of sexual misbehaviours, crude language, mocking of political leaders and “politically correct” statements were normal, as it still is today. The Christians of Pergamum restrained and refrained from taking part in these activities. They protected the gateways of their ears and eyes.

In Pergamum, Western Turkey, the Zeus Altar, as seen from Portico in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC, was also accommodated. At this altar of Zeus offerings and sacrifices were made 24/7. This theatre was known as one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world. It was so wicked and evil that Christ referred to it as “*The Seat of Satan*”. Pergamum was where his throne was.

Satan ruled the whole province of Asia. It was just impossible to avoid the presence of evil. Believers had to face the impact of the pagan society on them and at the same time had to deal with internal pressure of false church leaders trying to convince them to conform to the worldly standards.

Likewise, Christ commands us today to do the same. This, the end of the age, is the most serious time ever!. The world puts enormous pressure on believers to compromise and unfortunately many succumb.



## Sharp Sword

The message to the church in Pergamum is somehow different from the others. To this church Christ came with a sharp sword to destroy what happened there.

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: He who has the sharp sword with two edges says these things. Revelation 2:12

“I know your works, and where you live, even where Satan's seat is. And you hold fast My name and have not denied My faith, even in those days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells.” (Revelation 2:13 MKJV).

“*Know your works*” is the word “**oida**”, meaning to see, perceive, understand, or comprehend. It pictures knowledge gained by personal experience or personal observation. It means that Christ is inside the church and He is walking in their midst, observing everything that is happening and He comes with a warning. He knew the demonic environment of this church and that they were assailed by pagans. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). This means that He still today knows our works. All things are laid bare and open in front of His eyes.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:13



When He says that He knows our works, our deeds, actions, and activities, He means: *"From my personal observation of you, I know about all of your activities. I have seen it all. I know all there is to know. In, fact, there is nothing about you or your works that I do not know"* {The Rick Renner Interpretation Version – RIV}.

## SATAN'S SEAT

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The word *"dwellest"* is the Greek word *"katoikeo"*, which means to settle down. It pictures one who has settled into a house and feels completely at home there; it indicates a continuous action.

### **"I know... Where you have settled down and now continually dwell."**

**Satan** is the Greek word *"satanas"* and means the one who hates, accuses, slanders, or conspires against; an adversary.

**"Seat"** is the Greek word *"thronos"*. It's earliest use described physical chairs in people's homes that were reserved solely for the head of a household; in ancient times, the man of the house held supreme authority over all domestic matters, and he had the final say in all decisions, or business transactions that might affect his family. It was customary to refer to the head of the house as *"lord"* of his home, so a seat was designated to represent the high rank of the man of the house within his family. It was considered inappropriate and disrespectful for anyone else to sit in his place of honor; a seat for the



undisputed master of his house and that seat was a symbol of his ultimate authority in eastern lands of the Roman Empire.

***Pagans used the word “thronos” to describe invisible seats of power upon which the local or patron gods or goddesses sat to rule their towns, cities or provinces.***

Jesus was saying that satan was the master of the house in the city of Pergamum and no one resisted him! His power was unchallenged for centuries. Since after the church was born, Adonai has been calling the believers, the church, to unseat satan from his seat in their own homes and families!

Saints, for a very long time now I have been sensing that the time has come for us to unseat satan, the Nephilim and all of his demons. They have been ruling and reigning now for 6 000 years! Adonai is gathering together an army for Him to fulfill this assignment - a mature Bride, fully equipped, who is willing to lay down her life for her Bridegroom, Yahshua HaMashiach.

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**. Since the fall, Adonai ordained that satan (man) will rule for 6 000 years.** We are all well aware that we are already at the end of this 6 000 year period, henceforth it is time to dethrone satan and his Nephilim and demons!

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For this purpose, a solid foundation is deemed necessary, so that, when the storm comes, the house would stand.



Are you joining God's army? It is time to make up your mind! What side are you playing on?. If you choose BAAL, let it be BAAL! But if it is ADONAI, let it be Adonai!

## **Deeds vs Doctrines**

Notice that Yahshua states in Revelation 2:6 that He hates the "deeds" of the Nicolaitans. When he speaks to the church in Pergamum, He now refers to the "doctrine" of the Nicolaitans, which He also hates.

This reveals how subtle satan is. Unnoticed he sneaks into the church with false, but good looking deeds and soon afterwards he infiltrates the church with his own doctrine.

From my own experience I can testify that those people who infiltrate godly ministries and churches are often good people with good intentions, but their deeds do not necessarily line up with the Word of God. Once they have infiltrated the system, they use the podium to teach a false doctrine. Saints, this is very subtle and will go unnoticed by the immature believer. This false doctrine is hidden within some Biblical truths and these people equip and empower themselves with knowledge.

For those who have not yet read the book "The Counterfeit for God's Forerunners", please download it from our website! It is a must read for all believers, to be equipped and enabled to discern these false teachings and doctrines in our congregations.

The Temple of Dionysus was also in Pergamum and, as the other temples, it was no place for believers. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans tried to convince





the believers to compromise and enter these temples and theatres. Yahshua was repulsed by their teachings, because they did not walk in holiness and lost the power of God. The fruit and the gifts of the Spirit disappeared. We as believers are called to higher standards and should not live according to the principles of this world or the standards that social media sets. Nicolaitans refer to those who conquer the people, those who have victory over the people. It is a Doctrine of compromising and of conquering people. Thus the saints lose their holiness and their power.

We are called to walk by higher standards. Let this be a wake-up call to us all! Do not compromise your faith!

## Antipas

Revelation 2:13 is the only verse in the Bible where we read the name Antipas. He was a martyr for Christ and faithful to the end. His death resulted in a lengthy period of persecution for the believers in Pergamum. One can only imagine the pressure that Antipas' martyrdom put upon the entire church. An aggressive persecution of believers started.

We can break up this name into two parts, namely “*anti*” and “*pas*”, which refer to “being against” and “all”. It can describe a person who is against everything; carries the idea of a person who is antisocial, contrary, noncompliant, intolerant, narrow-minded, nonconformist, inflexible, obstinate, or uncompromising.



After the act of repentance, a total transformation takes place and the person is separated from the world. That is why unbelievers perceive us as being anti-social. Likewise, the believers in Pergamum refused to visit the theatre, athletic events, bath houses and pagan temples, where incense was burnt. They were viewed as unpatriotic, because they did not blend in with the pagan practises anymore.

“This is so opposite to what we find in the Body of Christ today. Satan succeeded to infiltrate the modern church and believers no longer distance themselves from these pagan practices”.

Antipas was the first leader of the church in Pergamum. He was arrested for casting out demons. A pagan priest went to the Governor and accused him of disturbing their pagan rituals. Antipas refused to deny his faith and the Governor sentenced him to death. On the top of the pagan temple was a statue of a brazen bull, with a door on the side of it and musical pipe instruments inside of it. Criminals were thrown inside this statue and a huge fire was ignited underneath. The brazen bull heated up and literally fried up the person inside of it. As the person inside started to scream, those sounds echoed over the city, through the piped instruments. Afterwards the pagans collected the bones of the person and used it as ornaments.

Christ called Antipas the “faithful one”. In Greek it is the word “*hopistos*” and refers to the *faithful* one or the *trustworthy* one. Christ regarded him to be faithful and trustworthy, in spite of the agonizing circumstances that challenged him.



The Greek interpretation of “hopistos” is as follows:

“A witness summoned to testify in a court of law, or the evidence or proof presented in a legal case. A legal witness was only allowed to speak what he personally knew to be true; this personal insight that qualified a person to be a “witness” worthy of being put on a public stand for examination; it is also connected to the idea of suffering, because if a person was called to be a witness, he was required to be faithful to the truth, regardless of any possible acts or retribution that might be carried out against him by those who opposed his witness or who wished to suppress the truth; when an individual was summoned to be a “witness” it was understood that it could place him or his loved ones in jeopardy; to be a “witness” required the highest level of integrity and commitment, as well as a willingness to sacrifice oneself or one’s status to uphold the truth; a very real possibility was that a person could pay a high price for being a faithful witness. RIV

**Are we worthy to be called the “faithful one”!**

“Slain among you” is the Greek word “*apokteino*” and means taking away a person's life. In other words murder, execution, or mass killing; violent death, butcher, carnage, a brutal, grisly, and gruesome death.

The false doctrine of the Nicolaitans is an infection which, if not stopped, will affect the whole church. How sad to realise that our churches today are already to a great extent infected by these deeds, false teachings and false doctrines.



**My dear beloved friend, the message of Yehôvâh Elohim is clear!  
COME OUT OF HER, my people, that you may not be partakers of her  
sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues – Revelation 18:4**

## Balaam

Besides the Nicolaitans, Christ also referred to the doctrine of Balaam. Balaam was a witch, who brought compromises into the Body of Christ. He was the one “***who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication***” (Revelation 2:14).

The moment a church accommodates satan’s seat, it will be infiltrated by the deeds and doctrines of the Nicolaitans. It will be bombarded by Balaam’s teachings and be exposed to witchcraft. Eventually the church will end up at Baal-peor, leading an immoral life, dominated by the lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life.

Notice in verse 14 that Yahshua used the word “*but*”, as if He had concluded His commendations and was moving on to deal with serious issues concerning the church of Pergamum that deeply disturbed Him.

BUT, I hold it very personally against you!

I am personally disturbed by this false doctrine!



Seduction coming from the inside is very dangerous. The Nicolaitans suggested to believers to compromise their faith in order to get along with the world. It is a watering down of a life style to get along with pagan neighbours. It weakens the Gospel and it weakens the church. Balaam used the Moabite's harlots as a stumbling block to bring God's people down. Jezebel, Nicolaitans and Balaam are very relevant, even today. That is why the Lord specifically mentioned their names in the Book of Revelation. He exposed their deeds, their false teachings and doctrines. He also warns us to repent of having part in these false teaching. If there is no repentance, He will come quickly and will fight us by the sword of His mouth.

**The ekklesia is Adonai's property and He will not share it with satan.**

The visual appearance of the word "Balaam" confirms that there is a connotation with Baal. Searching for his name in the Bible, we do indeed find a connection between Balaam, Balak and Baal worship in the book of Numbers. Balaam was well-known amongst the unbelievers and pagans. Much was written about him. At first sight, it seems as if Balaam was a prophet of God, but on closer look we see that Balaam was a pagan priest, a witch.

The name "*Balaam*" can be divided into two parts, "**Bil**" and "**am**". "**Bil**" refers to the god "**BAAL**", which means *kinship* or *relationship*. This portrays the inseparable relationship between Balaam and Baal. The name would actually mean: "Baal is my kinsmen". He was therefore not a prophet of Adonai, but a witch of Baal. Balaam is also a derivative of "**Bli** and **am**", with "**Bli**"



meaning: without people. If this is the case and true, it explains why scholars struggle to nail down Balaam's national identity. This portrays him almost as a mystery man whose national roots are not known. This would mean Balaam was a man without a people, or perhaps he was a loner. The ancient root meaning of Balaam is **to swallow** or **to destroy** and does not necessarily refer to a name only, but also to a title. This reflects to his **reputation for supernatural abilities to bring devastating ruin upon those whom he opposed**. Balaam was a follower of BAAL, a man of mysterious origin, who possessed a wide spread reputation that he could swallow his enemies.

### **Jewish scholars wrote the following about Balaam:**

- He was a witch and a wicked one.
- Balaam was "a man renowned above all men for his skill as a diviner and a prophet, who foretold to the various nations important events: abundance and rain, or droughts and famines, inundations or pestilence".
- Josephus wrote that Balaam was among the greatest of the prophets at that time.
- Moses was an instrument for the power of GOD and Balaam an instrument for the power of darkness.
- The Bible refers to Balaam as a prophet, but it is being misunderstood. The word "prophet", used in ancient times, referred



to one who can foresee the future. Even pagans use this word for a person who is a vocal instrument for the spiritual realm.

- There are other names for “*diviners*”, such as foretellers, seers, soothsayers, consultants of familiar spirits, enchanters, necromancers, wizards, witches; voices through which the spirit realm speaks, mediums and clairvoyants.

From this information, we can conclude that Balaam could foresee or discern when judgment was coming to a nation. He could not curse Adonai’s people, as we see in the Book of Numbers, but he had the ability to discern when a nation violated a divine principle. Then, he knew, judgment was coming. He saw it beforehand and used the opportunity to make money and curse people. When judgment came, the people thought it was because of his cursing.

## FALSE DOCTRINE

Yahshua explicitly told the church of Pergamum that He had a *few things* against them (Revelation 2:14).

“**FEW THINGS**” is the Greek word “*oliga*” and it refers to “small in amount”. It indicates that only a small segment of the congregation was infected by a spiritual disease of compromise. Even when only a few are infected, it can easily spread to the rest. If left unresolved or untreated, the spiritual infection will get out of control and it will sicken the entire church, like a deadly disease. Yahshua is calling



on His ekklesia to stop the spread of this infection!. THAT WAS HIS WARNING.

“I will come with a sharp sword and will extract those who would not repent. I love them, but I will not allow them to pollute the church. I come with My sword of My mouth, not to wound, but to correct and to heal.”

Acknowledgement: Rick Renner from his RIV Interpretation

As in the days of Pergamum, the devil is launching an attack against the church, by bringing a doctrinal error, coming from inside the church. The leaders he uses have been in the church from the beginning. But now they err and go off track. They are good people and their intentions are good. It is not easy to stand up against the leaders we love, but if they are not stopped it would have catastrophic results for the church!

Yahshua used the phrase “**hold the doctrine**”. The Greek for “hold” is “*kratountas*”. It is plural and is the present-active tense of the word “*kratos*”, which is a powerful grip and a refusal to let go.

Christ told them to let go, but they held fast onto this false teaching and refused to bend before Christ's authority. They became more accommodating to the pagan world.

The word “*doctrine*” is the Greek word “*didache*” and refers to a teaching or instruction that includes both the intellectual learning of a precept or principle and the applicable action taken as a result of learning that principle. It refers





to a Master teacher, not only able to teach principles, but also how to put teaching into practice.

## ANCIENT DIVINERS

Balaam gave Balak principles of a strategic plan to destroy God's people. He then told him how to apply these principles. He operated under the spirit of divination.

**"Ancient diviners used a variety of occult practices to see into the future."**

One special common practice was to slaughter an animal, spread its intestines on an altar and read the future by analysing the scattered organs.

Balaam said unto Balak, build me here seven altars, prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. <sup>3</sup> And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place. <sup>4</sup> And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram. <sup>5</sup> And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. Numbers 23:2-

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And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. Numbers 23:11

Balaam possibly “read” the intestines of the animals, but the actual cursing did not take place. Balak sent his messengers to fetch Balaam from 400 miles afar and offered him a house full of silver and gold.

<sup>12</sup> And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, <sup>13</sup> If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak? <sup>14</sup> And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. Numbers 24:12-14

Even when Balak referred to Balaam’s reputation, there was still no Biblical proof that he could succeed in cursing people.

Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. Numbers 22:6

“How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?” Numbers 23:8



Balaam saw that divination was no match for the power of Adonai.

Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! Numbers 23:23

## **NO DIVINATION AGAINST ME NOR AGAINST GOD'S CHURCH!**

No one has the ability to curse what GOD has already blessed.

Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

## **STUMBLING BLOCK**

When Balaam saw that this did not work, he went back to king Balak, because he was after the money. He cast a stumbling block against the people of Adonai.

To “*cast*” is the Greek word “*ballo*” and it means to throw or to hurl; it carries an element of surprise. The word “*stumbling block*” in Greek is “*skandalon*” and refers to a trap used to catch an animal. A piece of food was placed inside the trap to lure the prey. Balaam put this “food” before the eyes of Israel. The word “*before*” in Greek is “*enopion*” and means within the eye sight of; a bait before their eyes to lure them out.



## The Trap

According to Numbers 25:1-3 the trap was the daughters of Moab. The people (men of Israel) did eat. The word “eat” is the same word used in Genesis, when Eve saw that the fruit was good to “eat”. “Eat” in the Bible refers to sexual intercourse.

The women of Moab stripped themselves of their clothes and danced naked before the men of Israel. The men of Israel bowed down to these pagan women at Baal-peor and had sexual intercourse with them.

As of today, satan still uses this trap successfully.

1. The pagan women called the men onto the sacrifices of their gods and lowered their standards.
2. The men ate what was prohibited. They entertained themselves with what was wrong.
3. They bowed down to the pagan gods and accommodated what Adonai despised.
4. Israel joined Baal-peor by entering into moral and sexual defilement.
5. The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. Their sinful actions incurred divine judgment.
6. The Israelite men were entrapped and started behaving just like the world. The doctrine of Balaam is a doctrine of moral surrender.

The moment we step outside the covering of Adonai’s protection and blessing, we willingly move outside of that protection and into the curse. When you surrender your moral standards to the world, you curse yourself!.



Adonai warns the end-time church to beware of the bait of satan. He is committed to lure you into his trap.

Even in my own life, I could see how satan threw his bait at me! Was it not for Adonai's mercy and grace, I could have been trapped! Let us beware of the Doctrine of Balaam!

As believers we have to make up our minds. Either we live for this world, or we live for our Adonai! He calls us for a life of separation from this world. His sword is pulled to put a halt to false teachers and leaders. Unless these teachers repent, they will be removed from their place!

Let us rest assured that, as long as we walk in constant purity, we will always be under His covering. Do not allow any ministry, cell-group, spiritual leader or denomination convince you that you need their covering and protection! God is the one who will rescue you!

He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy,  
and he will protect you from false accusation  
and any deadly curse.

<sup>4</sup> His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you.

You can run under his covering of majesty and hide.

His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.

<sup>5</sup> You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night  
nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you.

<sup>6</sup> Don't fear a thing!

Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you,



nor will the powers of evil be launched against you.

<sup>7</sup> Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being  
killed,  
you will remain unscathed and unharmed.

<sup>8</sup> You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment,  
for they will be paid back for what they have done!

Psalm 91:3-8 TPT

## **CHRIST'S SWORD AND DIVINE JUDGMENT**

As discussed in Part two of the teaching “Laying Down the Foundation”, if we do not meet our Lord, Jesus Christ, as Saviour, in repentance, we will one day meet Him in His judgment. He came as a Lamb to heal the broken-hearted, but He will return as the Lion of Judah to execute judgment.

With his two-edged sword He is able to divide even the joints from the marrow. He is the only One who can discern the thoughts and the intents of the heart.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Therefore, He is the only One who has the true facts. In the Book of Revelation John fell down like a dead man when he saw the resurrected Messiah with a sharp two-edged sword in His mouth.



And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. Revelation 1:16

He is walking in the midst of the churches and He is well aware and well informed of what is going on. He knows our deeds and He knows the doctrine that we adhere to. On judgment day, we will not be able to fool Him. Even when we, as believers, stand in front of the Bema, the platform of reward, we will receive our true reward, whether we did good or bad. May the Lord have mercy on us when and if we did bad, for our works will be tested by the fire.

<sup>12</sup> And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, <sup>13</sup> each one's work shall be revealed. For the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try each one's work as to what kind it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he built remains, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work shall be burned up, he shall suffer loss. But he shall be saved, yet so as by fire. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:12-16 MKJV

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges.” Revelation 2:12

“Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” Revelation 2:16

**The handwriting is on the wall! And the message is one of judgment!**



In Pergamum a deadly spiritual infection spread inside of the church. Jesus knew it had to be removed before it spread into the entire Body. Certain spiritual leaders had begun to promote a life of compromised morality - inclusiveness rather than absolute truth. In this church, Yahshua refers to the Doctrine of Balaam and the Doctrine of the Nicolaitans and He expresses his hatred toward these practices and false doctrines. He warns that it will ruin the church and that they should stop negotiating with the world. If they do not repent, He will come swiftly with His sharp sword and remove them from the congregation. He will stop them in their tracks and will take back His church for himself.

In the congregation of Ephesus Jesus hates the **deeds** of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:6), but in Pergamum, Jesus hates the **doctrine** of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:15). Notice how it slowly progressed from a deed to a doctrine. These false doctrines are currently being taught in the church by false teachers.

**Notice that deeds, doctrines and teachings are always linked.**

**By who's deeds, doctrines and teachings are you currently influenced?**

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.” Revelation 2:17

## Thyatira

To the church of Thyatira, the Lord has the following to say:





But I have a few things against you because you allow that woman **Jezebel** to teach, she saying herself *to be* a prophetess, and to cause My servants to go astray, and to commit fornication, and to eat idol-sacrifices. <sup>21</sup> And I gave her time that she might repent of her fornication, and she did not repent. <sup>22</sup> Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their deeds. Revelation 2:20-22  
MKJV

Notice that **Jezebel** is in the church of Thyatira. She calls herself a prophetess and she teaches the Lord's servants to go astray by committing fornication and eating idol-sacrifices (Revelation 2:20). We know from the Old Testament that Jezebel was married to the king, Ahab. In the modern church that could mean that she is married to the Pastor. She cannot operate without an Ahab.

The KJV uses the phrase "thou **sufferest** that woman Jezebel". "**Sufferest**" means to "*allow*". The Greek word is "**aphiemi**", which means to permit, to release; to let go; to liberate; to give unrestrained freedom. What Jesus says here is that Thyatira did not restrain that women, Jezebel. The Greek refers to "the women", indicating that she was a very prominent, noble women. In the ancient scriptures the text refers to "**the women of yours**" because they permitted their wife, Jezebel. They did not restrain her. Remember, the Lord is speaking to the Pastor, the spiritual leader of the church. This means that the Pastor's wife was a problem in the church, because she was seriously under the influence of the Jezebel Spirit.

She seduces the church. "**Seduce**" is the Greek word "*planao*", which means to deceive, a moral wandering; it depicts a person or



nation that has veered from a solid path; as a result of veering morally, that person or nation is adrift; to morally lose one's bearings. It is the same word describing an animal that lost its way back home. It has drifted so far off that it could not find the way back home again.

Jezebel uses her husband's pulpit to lead the people in a wrong direction.

In Thyatira there was a specific pagan trade agreement. If you were not a member you could not work and earn money. The trade agreement operated under a buddy system. All jobs had to pass through this trade agreement. Believers lost their jobs, because they did not want to participate in these pagan agreements any longer. Each trade agreement, *inter alia*, required the person to bow before pagan gods and the believers refused to do so.

All these trade meetings involved adultery, drunkenness, orgies and idolatry. It was a place where believers did not belong. The "Pastor's wife" tried to convince them not to give up their jobs, but to blend in with the pagans. If they kept their jobs, the church could still benefit from their income.

Yahshua was against this practise.

Don't lower your standards! Restrain your wife, Jezebel!

The Old Testaments describes how Jezebel was thrown down to her death, under the anointing of Jehu. The dogs ate her carcass, as the prophet Elijah prophesied. Only her head, hands and feet remained. She was so unclean that even the dogs left those body parts untouched.

Jezebel committed all seven sins God hates.

### **Seven Things God Hates**



<sup>16</sup> There are six evils God truly hates  
and a seventh that is an abomination to him:

<sup>17</sup> Putting others down while considering yourself superior,

spreading lies and rumors,

spilling the blood of the innocent,

<sup>18</sup> plotting evil in your heart toward another,

gloating over doing what's plainly wrong,

<sup>19</sup> spouting lies in false testimony,

and stirring up strife between friends.

These are entirely despicable to God!

Proverbs 6:16-19 TPT

### **What about her husband, Ahab?**

King Ahab was the most powerful King in his time and in his region, but he did not have the guts to control his wife. He did not know how to handle her and left her unrestrained, **“apheimi”**. The Lord warns the “Pastor” to stand up and take the position that belongs to him. Let this be a warning to all spiritual leaders, to all God’s kings and prophets, to all husbands who neglect their position as the head of the house.

Notice that Yahshua still loved this women and invited her to repent. Yahshua urged her to change, to turn around, to renew her thinking. But sadly a mature Jezebel cannot repent. She is like a dog that went so far astray that it cannot find the way back home again.

For a detailed discussion on this women, Jezebel, please download “The Counterfeit for God’s Forerunners” for free.



## REPENT

The word repent is often misinterpreted and misunderstood in the Body of Christ. The word “**repent**” in Greek is “**metanoia**” and it means:

A change of mind that results in a complete, radical and total change of behavior; a decision to completely change or turning around from the way one is thinking, believing, or living, a total transformation affecting every part of a person's life, both inside and outside, resulting in a behavioural change.

It is to behave differently and to think differently.

“Repent; **or else** I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth” (Revelation 2:16). The phrase “**or else**” can be translated as “**if not, however**”. Yahshua believed they would repent, but **IF NOT**, “I will have to deal with you in another way”.

“*Will come*” is “*erchomai*” and means to come, to be on the way, this is my signal, I will come quickly on my way to you.

Yahshua said to them: If you **refuse**, I will directly come to you. I will make a direct path to personally deal with you. Do not misinterpret, or delay with tolerance. Adonai is patient and we must not misinterpret his delay for tolerance. He already warned them! They repeatedly ignored Him and it was coming to a close!

“**Quickly**” is the Greek word “*tachus*” and it means a swift, high speed movement, at a galloping speed.



“**Fight**” is the Greek word “*polemos*” and it means to organize, often prolonged military conflict designed to defeat an opponent; this is no mere skirmish - it is an all-out war!

The Lord is saying that the time for negotiation is over. He is coming now at a galloping speed to defeat His opponent. It is an all-out war!

“**Sword**” refers to the Greek “*rhomphaia*”. This is not a Roman sword, but a threshold sword, a sharp, sickle-shaped blade affixed to a long pole. It was known for its long reach and its ability to cut through thick armour. Its back-and-forth hacking motion, similar to a farmer using a sickle, penetrates the tightly packed formation of enemies.

**Christ is saying that He will hack His way back into the church and take it back for Himself!**

Anyone leading the church astray, places himself in jeopardy. He that has an ear, let him hear! May the Lord have mercy on those who do not have open spiritual ears anymore! Those who are diluted, deceived and contaminated by the world to not hear the truth anymore!

To ALL the churches: If you have an ear, listen to the spirit!

To Him that overcomes, He will give hidden manna!



## SPACE TO REPENT

What a merciful God we serve! Notwithstanding the fact that Adonai hates the deeds of the Nicolaitans and their false doctrines, He still loves the person. Even to Jezebel, He gave her time to repent, but she willingly refuses to do so.

She is teaching that it is permissible to indulge in sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> ***I have waited for her to repent from her vile immorality, but she willingly refuses to do so.*** Revelation 2:20-21 TPT

The MKJV uses the phrase “*time to repent*” and the KJV uses the phrase “*space to repent*”.

And I gave her **space** to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Revelation 2:21 MKJV

Both the word “space” and “time” in Greek is “*chronos*”:

khron'-os

Of uncertain derivation; **a space of time** (in genitive case, and thus properly distinguished from G2540, which designates a fixed or special occasion; and from G165, which denotes a **particular period**) or interval; **by extension an individual opportunity**; by implication delay: - + years old, **season**, space, (X often-) time (-s), (a) while.

In everybody’s life there is a specific “time” when Adonai wants to deal with us. All of us experience a stage in life when it is almost impossible to cope with the severity of the storm, just like the disciples in the storm on the Sea of Galilee, as they went over to the other side.



That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “*Let us go over to the other side*”. Mark 4:35 NIV

The Messiah Himself directed His disciples to the other side, knowing very well that He had sent them into the storm. While crossing over to the other side, they feared to be shipwrecked, but Jesus revealed Himself as a true Saviour. This event brought them into a whole new level of relationship with their Messiah.

Likewise, we also often fear to be shipwrecked during a storm, while moving to the other side. That is when Yahshua is dealing with us. It is His way to give you space to repent, to extent His opportunity to you. He donates a particular period or season for us to repent.

For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines (Hebrews 12:6), and through His word He reproofs, corrects and trains us in righteousness.

**“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season;** reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction”. 2 Timothy 4:2

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O Lord, And whom You teach out of Your law; Psalm 94:12

“Correct me, O Lord, but with justice; Not with Your anger, or You will bring me to nothing.” (Jeremiah 10:24).

For whom the Lord loves He reproveth, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights. Proverbs 3:12



Don't forfeit your "*chronos*" moment, when the Lord comes in love to make some adjustments in your life. It will be painful and inconvenient, but it will be worth it. Our lives on earth are not glamorous, but our reward in heaven, when we stand in front of the Bema Seat, the platform of reward, will be glamorous!

## **HIDDEN MANNA**

Ephesus, meaning "permitted", was a place where the people had freedom to follow Adonai, but the Devil persuaded them to meander away from the love and character of Adonai. Pergamum, on the other hand, was where Adonai corrected things in the enemy's camp. The enemy can infiltrate Adonai's church, but Adonai can also infiltrate the enemy's camp. Jesus will show up with the two-edged sword of His Word and He will fight those who attempt to subvert His congregation. The enemy attempts to contaminate the Christians still today, as in Pergamum, with idolatry, fornication, and human control, all of which are being formalized as doctrines.

### **Overcomers at Pergamum are promised the hidden manna.**

Hidden manna could only be found in the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. This is an incorruptible word (*provision*) that is linked to the very life of Christ. It is hidden under the seat of reconciliation of the ark upon which the blood of our redemption is applied.





In Revelation 19:12 we read about the Rider on a White Horse. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written, one that no one knew, except Himself.

“One glance from those eyes may pierce to the very core those who are false. The beast has many heads and has degenerated into placing crowns upon his horns instead of his heads. Jesus’ head is His Father, and He gives the Father all the crowns of salvation, glory, honour, and power. What is this name that no one knows but He Himself?”

“To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a small white stone and in the stone a new name written, which no one knows except the one that receives it”

(Revelation 2:17).

**The hidden manna is the incorruptible Word of Adonai, which is hidden in the life of Christ, symbolised by the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies.**

**The white stone means a complete change of nature (a new *name*).**

**The Word of Adonai has all the power and all the authority”.**



## THE SOLUTION

In conclusion, I have discovered a very powerful, deep and profound Biblical truth to solve the problem we have been discussing so far. The problem being that of false teaching, false doctrines and false deeds that lead the flock of Adonai astray.

## GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE

Paul addresses Timothy as his own son. In contrast to his greetings in the other epistles, he adds the word “mercy”.

...to Timothy, my own son in the faith. Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Timothy 1:2 MKJV

In ancient times the Jews greeted one another with the word “*shalom*”, which means “**peace**”. But the Greeks greeted one another with the word “*charis*”, which is the word “**grace**”. By using these two words, Paul confirms that he is speaking to the entire Gentile and the entire Jewish world.

In both the epistles to Timothy and to Titus, Paul breaks this pattern by adding the word “**mercy**”. Both Timothy and Titus were young Pastors of their congregations and were overwhelmed with the responsibilities of their ministries.

Between Paul’s first and second epistles to Timothy three years had passed and heavy persecutions had begun. Nero burnt down many churches and even blamed the believers for burning down the cities. Timothy’s church had



been growing very well during the time of Paul's first epistle, but his church was declining very fast during the time of the second epistle. The congregation of Titus was also a very difficult church to handle. Both of them needed not only peace and grace, but also mercy.

**Christ is very aware of your current situation and He is adding enough "mercy" to the peace and grace He bestows on you.**

Paul urged Timothy to stay in Ephesus to instruct the people there to stop teaching false doctrines.

"When I was on my way to Macedonia, I urged you to stay in Ephesus so that you could instruct certain people to stop teaching false doctrine."

1 Timothy 1:3 ISV

In Acts Chapter 20, Paul warned the elders that some will rise and speak perverse things (*a twisted doctrine, no longer straight*). Those people wanted to draw disciples unto themselves. In Ephesus, after Paul had left, these false teachers tried to lead the people astray by adding to what Paul had preached. They became super spiritual, claiming to see things that Paul did not see nor taught. They visited spiritual realms and came back with new, but false revelations. The people followed these false doctrines and idolized the false teachers. One example of these false teachings was the worshipping of angels.



Paul addresses this issue in Colossians:

Don't let anyone disqualify you from your prize! ***Don't let their pretended sincerity fool you as they deliberately lead you into their initiation of angel worship. For they take pleasure in pretending to be experts of something they know nothing about. Their reasoning is meaningless and comes only from their own opinions.*** <sup>19</sup> They refuse to take hold of the true source. Colossians 2:18-19 TPT

## BESEECHED

Paul urged or “beseeched” Timothy to stay and to lead the congregation, knowing it would be a very difficult task. The word “*beseech*” in Greek is “*parakaléō*” and means to:

I send for, summon, invite, beseech, entreat, beg, exhort, admonish, comfort, encourage, console, appeal, appealed, appealing, beg, begging, beseeching, comfort, comforted, comforts, conciliate, encourage, encouraged, encouraging, entreat, exhort, exhortation, exhortations, exhorted, exhorting, exhorts, given, implore, implored, imploring, invited, making an appeal, plead, pleaded, pleading, preach, requested, urge, urged, urging.

“*Parakaleo*” is also used to describe the commander of a troop of soldiers. Before troops go out for battle, the commander charges the troops. He talks to them about war, bloodshed and victory to motivate them. Likewise, Paul motivated Timothy to take up his responsibility for the war. Timothy accepted!



Paul made it very clear to Timothy that he should beware of any false doctrines. Some translations use the word “other” doctrines.

The phrase “*other doctrine*” in Greek is “*heterodidaskalos*”, which can be explained as follows:

- **Hetero** – one of a different kind. This is where the word “hetero”-sexual comes from.
- **Didaska** means to teach.
- **Disaskalos** means not only teaching, but something that is excellent, a superb and excellent teaching, masterfully taught.

Whatever these false preachers are teaching, they packed it in a very slick way. It is teaching excellently presented, but of a different kind than the true Gospel.

The Holy Spirit revealed to Paul what was going to happen by the end of the church age, the period that we are currently living in.

But the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons. 1 Timothy 4:1 MKJV

The Spirit spoke “expressly”. Paul used the Greek word “*rhētōs*” or “*rhema*”, both referring to something that is explicit. It means there is no room for understanding. The Holy Spirit spoke explicitly or without mistake.



In Chapter 1 they already experienced this problem of false doctrines and false teachers. In Chapter 4 the Holy Spirit points His finger 2000 years into the future and refers to “*in the latter times*”, which is the end of the church age.

“*Latter times*” in Greek are the words “*eschatos*” and “*husteros*”, meaning “the end”. When we look at the timeline, the church age started when the Holy Ghost was outpoured on 120 men in the Upper Room in Acts 2:17. This timeframe is also called the “last days” which refers to the 2 000-year time of the church age which will last until the fullness of time, that is when all the Gentiles have come in unto salvation (Romans 11:25). That would be the end of this age. The church will be snatched away, “*harpazo*”, and the Lord will deal with Israel as a Nation (Romans 11).

So, the word “*eschatos*” describe the end of this ages, but the word “*husteros*” describes what is left of this period. It is not just the last times, but the very-very last days of this time period. Paul says some will depart and he uses the Greek word “*planos*”, which refers to a very slow process of departure. It does not mean that some will abruptly abandon or reject the faith, but it explicitly states a slow process of departure or moving away from the faith. We also find the Greek word “*aphistemi*” that indicates one little step at a time. Little by little adjustments are being made, very slowly over time, until many will have departed from the faith. What they will become is nothing of what they once were. That is how these false doctrines and teachings subdue the Body of Christ to accept the lie. Those who embrace



the false teachings, do not suddenly reject or abandon the Gospel, but they gradually depart from it.

The word “*Doctrines*” is the word “*didaskale*” and it means whoever is doing this, they are doing it very masterfully. People who listen to these false arguments, will slowly modify their believes and step away from the truth. They will depart from “the faith”, by stepping away from the Doctrine of Christ!

An excellent example would be the current changing view on sexuality. The world culture is gradually changing, and the church is being impacted by this change in the culture. Many preachers and denominations are adapting to these new perspectives.

Paul told Timothy to take charge of these false teachers and their masterful teaching, because they were of a different kind, wrong and not be accepted. God expects the same of us.

## **THE FOUNDATION**

How do we respond to this changing culture? People no longer know the Bible and become more and more illiterate. Many do not even know the characters of the Bible anymore, especially those of the Old Testament. The church today, especially the institutional church, are changing radically.



Paul gave Timothy a solution:

Having ***suggested these things to the brothers***, you shall be a ***good minister*** of Jesus Christ, **nourished** up in the Words of Faith and by the good **doctrine** which you have followed.

1 Timothy 4:6 MKJV

If you ***continue to point these things out to the brothers***, you will be a ***good servant*** of the Messiah Jesus, **nourished** by the words of the faith and the **healthy teaching** that you have followed closely. 1 Timothy 4:6 ISV

If you ***will teach the believers these things***, you will be known as a faithful and ***good minister*** of Jesus, the Anointed One.

**Nurture** others in the **living words of faith and in the knowledge of grace** which you were taught. 1 Timothy 4:6 TPT

The words used in the English Translations totally miss the deeper and true meaning of the original Greek manuscripts.

The word for “teach”, “point these things out” and “suggest” that Paul used here, is “***hupotithimi***”. “*Hupo*” means under or underneath and “*tithimi*” means to lay, to place or to position a foundation!

A LITERAL TRANSLATION WOULD BE: IF YOU “***HUPO***”, THAT IS CRAWL UNDER THE BRETHERN, AND “***TITHIMI***”, PUT A FOUNDATION UNDERNEATH THEM, YOU WOULD BE A GOOD MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST.





# ASSIGNMENT

Here Paul gives us our assignment!

**Our assignment is to crawl under people and lay down a foundation underneath them.**

When you build a house, you first lay down the foundation and then you build the house upon that foundation. This order is normally not followed in the House of God. When people come unto salvation, they immediately become “living stones”, as Peter says in 1 Petr 2:5.

They do, however, not have a foundation. They do not know the Bible and they do not know any doctrine.

In the same way that nursing infants cry for milk, you must intensely crave the pure spiritual milk of God’s Word. For this “milk” will cause you to grow into maturity, fully nourished and strong for life — <sup>3</sup> especially now that you have had a taste of the goodness of Yahweh and have experienced his kindness. <sup>4</sup> **So keep coming to him who is the Living Stone** —though he was rejected and discarded by men but chosen by God and is priceless in God’s sight. <sup>5</sup> Come and be his “**living stones**” who are continually being assembled into a sanctuary for God. For now you serve as holy priests, offering up spiritual sacrifices that he readily accepts through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:2-5 TPT

The structure is there, but there is no foundation. Our responsibility is to “*hupo*”, to come under the brethren, and to “*tithimi*”, to put a foundation underneath them!



How sad it is that so many houses collapse when the storms come, because the foundations are not in place. We should constantly “*hupotithimi*” in people’s lives. We are never done laying foundations, either in personal lives, or in marriages, or in finances, or in child upbringing. It is an ongoing process.

## Be a Good Servant

Paul states that when you “*hupotithimi*” the brethren, then you become a GOOD servant or minister.

The word “good” is the word “*kalos*” in Greek, meaning superior.

It involves beautiful, handsome, excellent, eminent, choice, surpassing, precious, useful, suitable, commendable, admirable, beautiful to look at, shapely, magnificent, good, excellent in its nature and characteristics, and therefore well adapted to its ends, genuine, approved, precious, joined to names of men designated by their office, competent, able, such as one ought to be, praiseworthy, noble, beautiful by reason of purity of heart and life, and hence praiseworthy, morally good, noble, honourable, conferring honour, affecting the mind agreeably, comforting and confirming.

This word “*kalos*” was used to describe people with an eye for good artwork. When walking through a gallery, they would come to an artwork that would totally capture their attention.

In this context, it implies that Yahshua is walking in the midst of the Lampstands, in the midst of His congregations, and He observes for Himself what is going on. He looks at his precious stones, his



own artworks. When He sees a minister who *hupotithimi*, lay down the foundation, a sound doctrine to ensure that the house will stand and last during the storm, it is so **KALOS**, so excellent, so noble, honourable, precious, beautiful to look at that Yahshua HaMashiach stops, because it totally captivates His attention.

Paul says that such a minister will be “a good minister of Jesus, the Messiah, the Anointed One”!

**It can also be translated as “JUST LIKE” Yahshua.**

Think about the Ministry of Yahshua HaMashiach when He walked on earth. What did He do?

Yahshua was given to the world. He died on the cross. He gave His life to lay down a foundation underneath the world, underneath the people. He gave everything He had to give. When we give ourselves in this way, it makes us like Him, our Bridegroom. We come alike, are changed into His image and into His likeness



## MINISTER / SERVANT / SLAVE

Paul used the word “*ministers*” and some translations use the word “*servants*”. There are three Greek words that better describe the meaning of this word “minister” or “servant”.

“***Doulos***” means minister, servant, slave.

Paul, Peter, James and Jude used this word to describe themselves.

It means, if you are the “*doulos*” of Christ, you are totally swallowed up into the will and need of someone else. You have totally surrendered control of your life to Christ Jesus.

“***Huperetas***” means minister, an “***under rower***”. Paul used this word in his second epistle to the Corinthians, when he wrote; “*So let a man think of us as ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God*”. 1 Corinthians 4:1

It describes the men rowing at the bottom line of the ships, where they become the engines of the ships. A total of 5 men were chained to a bench. These five men represent the five-fold ministry Adonai ordained to equip his building to reach spiritual maturity and be transformed into the Holy of Holies. Paul was saying: Think of us as the engines of the ship. What we do is to move the body of Christ forward. The passengers are on the deck, having a good time, often complaining and criticizing the efforts of the under rowers. The truth is that if they would be willing to also get down into the bottom line of the ship, grab oars and start rowing, the ship would reach its destiny much sooner.



Also note that these “*huperetas*” were chained to their positions! That chain symbolized a commitment. When the boat was shipwrecked, the passengers would save themselves, but the *huperetas* could not abandon their posts.

The bottom galley of the ship was usually crowded with ship rats, irritating the rowers and complicating their job. Ironically that the ministers, who are committed to getting the ship to its destiny, are often bothered by spiritual “rats”.

**“Diakonos”** is used in 1 Timothy 4:6 to describe “minister”. It refers to a **deacon**.

“*Dia*” means “on behalf of” and “*konos*” describes the “community”. Together this word means that your life has been given on behalf of the community. Paul borrowed this word to describe a group of people who chooses to serve the community for the rest of their lives. It was not a high ranking position, but one of service.

***What Paul is saying here, is that when you “hupotithimi”, by coming underneath the people to lay down the foundation, you become a diakonos, a minister who is not only gifted, but who IS the gift.***

***We do not belong to ourselves, but to the ones we have been given to!***

If you serve with this attitude, you will be a good servant, slave and minister unto Jesus Christ. You will be a minister just like Yahshua HaMashiach.



## NOURISHED UP

“*Nourished up*” in 1 Timothy 4 is the word “**entrephō**”. It means to taste, to eat, to swallow, to digest. For you to be like this minister, there are two things essential to your spiritual diet.

Having suggested these things to the brothers, you shall be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the Words of Faith and by the good doctrine which you have followed. 1 Timothy 4:6

Words of faith and a good doctrine are the requirements for ministers to be like Yahshua.

Unfortunately, in today’s churches we find very high quality motivational messages and tremendous musical worship. Within limits there is nothing wrong with music, but you cannot build a foundation on music.

The only way to build the house is on the Word of God. The Lord is and was very clear that he who hears and does and digs deep is like a person who builds his house on a rock. When the storm comes, it will last! But he who does not hear and do, when the storm comes, the house will collapse (Luke 6:46-50).

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## CLOSING REMARKS

The desire of my heart is to honor the Holy Ghost and to exalt the name of Yehôvâh Elohim! What a journey of trials, persecution and tears since 2000, when I committed myself to the Lord for full time ministry. I stand in awe and in deep debt before the Holy Spirit who led me, little-by-little, precept-upon-precept, line-upon-line, into deep spiritual Biblical truths and a sound doctrine. I have never thought or imagined what the Lord would have in store for me, after He had sent a prophetic word of a healing ministry over me. Nor could I ever have imagined that this is what the Lord was saying when He released a new assignment to lay down the foundation of His house on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

For many years I have been searching for sound doctrine. The Holy Spirit revealed it to me by the grace of Adonai. Freely did I receive and freely I will give. I have never intended to end the Doctrine of Demons the way the Holy Spirit led me to do it. When he revealed the solution to the false doctrine to me, I was in tears of joy and overwhelmed before the Lord for the way He orchestrated it.

Yahshua assigned us to be His servants and to be a signet ring on His right hand to *hupotithimi*, to crawl underneath the brethren to put a sound foundation underneath them. He is so intimately involved with every single detail of our lives and ministries, because he wants to release a sound doctrine, not by might, nor by power, but by the Holy Ghost! He prepares us to become a “*kalos*”, an artwork of excellence, so noble, honourable,



precious and beautiful to Him, that it will bring Him to a stop, because the artwork will totally capture His attention. With the same selfless attitude that He had, when He laid down His life for sinners, we will lay down ours, as servants of God.

We too will be ***doulos***, totally swallowed up to do the will of Christ Jesus, the Anointed one. We will be willingly chained to the bench at the bottom of the ship line as ***huperetas***, fully committed to move the ship forward with all our effort, even knowing that so many, while having a free ride, will complain and others will constantly irritate the ***huperetas***, like rats. We will become ***diakonos***, fully committed to serve the community for the rest of our lives, for we do not anymore belong to ourselves, but are owned by the community, not for them to bring us gifts, but for us to be the gift, as Adonai ordained. We will instruct and correct and lead God's servants into full maturity, perfectly equipped for their assignment!

**“<sup>16</sup> It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. <sup>17</sup> Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.”**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 TPT**

**Glory to GOD!**

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Satan cannot create, but only duplicates and copies what YHWH has already created and established. When Adonai used the voice in the wilderness to prepare the way for the Messiah, satan duplicated the concept to prepare the way for his son of perdition. He always counterfeits what God does. As YHWH has a Doctrine of Christ, likewise satan has a Doctrine of demons. Since demons are not visible, they must take a deceptive route in order to get their false message heard. They resemble their leader, satan, who is the "father of lies" (John 8:44). The works of satan and those of YHWH should always be clearly distinguished from each other. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6:16 "What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan?" In the epistle to Timothy, Paul warns us in this regard; "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times (referring to the end of this age) some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron (1 Timothy 4:1-4 TPT).

In the epistle to the church of Ephesus, Messiah warned the end time believer to beware of the deeds of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:6). Likewise, He warned the church of Smyrna, which was under the influence of the synagogue of satan (Revelation 2:9). He also warned Pergamum against the seat of satan, because they followed the doctrine of Balaam and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:13). Although these churches served God, they were under the influence of another doctrine, the doctrine of demons.

Notice that doctrine follows the deeds!

The Messiah also exposed that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, teaches in His church and seduces His servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed unto idols (Revelation 2:20).

It is the emphasize of this Book to address these false teachings, coming from seducing spirits, which are still very present in today's congregations.

"Let us not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship had righteousness with unrighteousness? And what concord had Christ with Belial or what agreement had the temple of Adonai with idols? For know you not, that you are the temple of Adonai where He dwelleth. To all believers, YHWH's message is very clear; "Come out from them and be separate, say the Lord. Touch no unclean thing and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14-17, emphasis is mine).

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